SPINGTON (R) — A self-described former medic in Calombia's lellin cocaine cartel, testifying in Congress under heavy guard, said instalny his believes the Calombian drug lords have hit men in the led States and might even try too kill the president or members of green. "Some of you many be victims of (assessantion) attempts," non Diego Vindara Solinas replied when Seantor Sam Numa asked it he oght his former mercatics underworld bosses might try to kill Americans utulination for Calombian American attempts to small the drug trade. thought his former narcotics underworld bosses might try to kee Americans in retailation for Colombian-American attempts to crush the drug trade. "Maybe the president of the United States would be a victim of the actions of drug traffickers," Viafara said. Testifying from beleful a screen at hearings of a Scanic investigative committee, Viafara, who is in the U.S. whiness protection programme, canceded he was speculating on the association issue but asserted that the Colombian drug barons have associate in the United States right new.

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Al Hussein receives rousing welcome in Maan 🐉

King: Jordan remains steadfast in support for Palestinians

MAAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein said Wednesday Jordan would continue its support for the Palestinians under occupation until they regain their rights and freedom in their own homeland.

"We will translate into deeds the principles in which we believe so that we can fulfil the aspirations, no matter how long the way is and regardless of the difficulties and the challenges coming our way," King Hussein said in a speech at a public rally held at the

The city's public squares were bedecked with flags, portraits of King Hussein and other decorative signs and the streets were thronged by cheering crowds wel-

coming the King. The King told the crowds Maan served as the first stage and a starting point in modern Arab history, raising the standards of the Great Arab Revolt, which broke out to defend the Arab Nation and to save the Arabs challenges and will never com-

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"We will follow in the footsteps of the principles and of the Great Arab Revolt, offering sacrifice and committed to the defence of the Arab Order," King Hussein

termined to pursue all endeavours to make Jordan a source of power for the Arab

"Jordan, which has been guarding the longest confrontation lines in the face of external challenges and dangers, will remain steadfast and will pursue all efforts to bolster Arab unity regardless of hardships," the King

Jordan, he added, will face the

promise or bargain over any Arab rights and Arab freedom.

The King told the rally that his visit marked the start of a series of meetings with the people of Maan to discuss their problems and to find proper solutions.

Ministers, local officials and notable Maan personalities accompanied the King at the rally, which was attended by thousands of residents.

A number of notables delivered speeches at the outset of the rally paying tribute to King Hussein's endeavours at domestic, pan-Arab and international levels to serve the Arab Nation.

The speakers also paid tribute to the leaders of the Great Arab Revolt who led the march towards freedom and unity for the Arab World.

The King was accompanied on the visit to Maan by Prime Minister Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, Royal Court Chief Mudar Badran, Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Salem Masa'deh and a



His Majesty King Hussein shakes hands with Maan residents during a visit he paid to the southern city Wednesday (Petra photo)

American diplomat's car set ablaze in Jerusalem

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM workshop, accusing him of mem-(Agencies) — The car of a U.S. beaship in a popular committee of the uprising.

Und Jerusalem Wednesday in a rare anti-American attack in the 21-

month-old Palestinians uprising. The U.S. consulate in west Jernsalem called the attack on the car of David Wimm, its deputy. principal officer, an act of vandalism. Police said they suspected Palestinian nationalists.

Attacks on U.S. targets have been uncommon in uprising. In February 1988, fire bombs

were thrown at an Arab Jerusalem U.S. consular building. That attack caused no damage or

In the occupied Gaza Strip, Nasr hospital said it received the body of a Palestinian suspected of collaborating with Israeli authorities. Residents of Khan Younis identified him as Jibara Mohammad Abu Taha, 33. He was stab-

bed repeatedly. Palestinians in the Gaza town of Rafah said 29-year-old Sulciman Jarbua, another alleged informant, was stabbed and severely injured in a separate incident. Israeli forces arrested a Rafah

unusual for Palestinians employed in army workshops, normally mechanical repair shops, to be detained for taking part in the

Israeli army Chief of Staff Dan Shomron has ordered Israeli soldiers not to humiliate or mistreat Arab protesters or use excessive force against them, a military

spokesman said Tuesday. Several of the 641 Palestinians killed during the uprising were beaten to death by Israeli soldiers. Palestinians regularly complain of maltreatment and beatings by troops during raids on their villages or after they are

Early in the revolt, soldiers tried to bury four Arabs alive in a West Bank village.

In a letter sent to all soldiers serving in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, Lieutenant-General Shomron wrote:

"I want to clarify and emphasise that force should be used to achieve a mission according to

army and there must be no devia-

Under no circumstances should A military spokesman said-it force be used as a means of nent. he wrote.

Shomron ordered soldiers to open fire according to army regulations, recently loosened by Israeli Defence Minister Yitzbak Rabin to allow soldiers to shoot at masked suspects who resist

Troops should also behave in a "respectable manner" towards international bodies operating in the occupied territories like the International Red Cross and enable them to carry out their tasks without disturbances, Shomron

During the uprising, interna-tional bodies, including the Un-ited Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), have complained of harassment by Israeli

Shomron also ordered soldiers not to stop ambalances or delay medical treatment of the wound ed. Palestinians have said that several Arabs died on their way to hospital when ambulances were delayed by the army.

Arab who worked in an army-run the law and the orders of the Israel gags debate on Egyptian plan after U.S. welcomes it

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Israeli leaders Wednesday discussed ideas put up by Egypt on ways to break an impasse over Middle East peace efforts, but then clamped an unusual gag on furth-

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir met his top three ministers -Vice Premier Shimon Peres. Foreign Minister Moshe Arens and Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin - to discuss 10 proposals made by Egypt in response to an Isreli imitiative for the occupied territories.

After the meeting, aides were unusually tight-lipped.

"It was an internal discussion, and it doesn't mean we are ready to talk about details of the 'peace' plan," Yossi Ahimeir, Shamir's spokesman, told Reuters.

The same clampdown was evident when the 12-member inner cabinet met afterwards. Shamir barred discussion on the proposals by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, Israel Radio reported. Egypt has put forward ideas to free the deadlock over an Israeli

plan for Palestinian elections in the occupied territories.

The Cairo proposals include

ensuring free elections, allowing Arab Jerusalem Palestinians to participate and accepting the principle of exchanging occupied and for peace.

A veteran Israeli statesman, former Foreign Minister Abba Eban, just back from Cairo, said Egypt was "quite likely" to invite Israeli and Palestinian delega-tions for talks on details of the Israeli initiative.

Israel in May proposed Arabs elect representatives to negotiate interim self-rule in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Eban told Renters that Egyptian ministers said Cairo planned to nominate a delegation to diselections. The delegates would comprise Palestinians who would be acceptable to Israel and the Palestine Liberation Orga-

nisation (PLO). (Ministers) spoke of a picture of a Palestinian delegation meeting Israelis. They would be mostly from the territories and one or two would be professors who would not be objectionable," Eban told Reuters.

U.S. welcome

The Egyptian plan received careful praise Tuesday from the

U.S. government. Secretary of State James Baker is in the process of sounding out Middle East leaders aboot Mubarak's ideas. Baker met last week with Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Tuesday with His Royal Highness Crown

Prince Hassan.
"We continue to encourage all parties to find ways to launch an Isreli-Palestinian dialogue to dis-cuss the Israeli election initia-Margaret Tutwiler, the State Department spokeswoman, said afterwards "to the extent

that regard we welcome Egypt's efforts." In Tunis, a senior PLO official said the United States had dropped its opposition to Palestinian

these 10 points can be helpful, in

exiles taking part in negotiations The official, who asked not to be named, told Reuters that Mubarak briefed Yasser Arafat, chairman of the PLO, of the change in U.S. policy at a meet-

ing in Tunis last Friday. In the latest round of its dialogue with the PLO in Tunis on Ang. 14, the United States rejected a PLO proposal that non-PLO Palestinians from both outside and inside the West Bank and Gaza Strip discuss the elec-

tions proposal with Israel. Israel also opposed the idea because the Zionist state does not recognise Palestinians in exile as part of the problem.

The PLO official said the organisation had no confirmation of the change from the United States and that differences over agenda and forum could prevent a meeting taking place.



An Israeli policeman checks the soles of a Palestinian's shoes after an arson attempt in occupied Jerusalem

Israel must agree to relinquish occupied lands — Crown Prince

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — His Royal Highness Crowo Prince Hassan has said that Israel must agree to relinquish the West Bank and Gaza Strip in exchange for peace, and that the Zionist state was trying to drive a wedge between Palestinians and the Palestinian Liberatioo Organisa-

tion (PLO). In a major policy speech here Tuesday night, Prince Hassan said Jordan had no intention to represent the Palestinians. At a news conference earlier, he dismissed as a "pipedream" the idea among some Israeli politicians that Jordan would agree to a deal to resume its formal links — of the West Bank.

Speaking after meetings with U.S. President George Bush and Secretary of State James Baker, the Crown Prince said Israel and the United States should accept the PLO as the legitimate represectative of the Palestinians. And, be said, the United States should recognise that the PLO is entitled to a pivotal role in any peace negotiations.

Denouncing a plan by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir for elections among Palestinians of the West Bank and Gaza, the Crown Prince said: "The purpose is to drive a wedge between them and their recognised leadership." agreement could only be negotiated at an international peace conference that included the PLO

and the Soviet Union. "Jordan will not represent the Palestinian people at the conference," he said. "Nor will it negotiate the settlement of the

attend such a peace conference as elections and supervision of the part of a joint delegation with the PLO.

The Crown Prince, referring to the West Bank, Gaza, the Golan Heights and Arab Jerusalem, said Jordan did not accept the acquisition of territory by war.

"Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories has to be the basis for the settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict and the establishment of a just and lasting peace," be said.

Earlier Tuesday, a plan by Egyptian President Hosni Mobarak for Palestinian elections received cautious praise from the U.S. State Department.

Mubarak's plan is coupled with a demand that Israel accept the idea it should trade land for peace. Negotiations for an overall settlement of the Arab-Israeli dispute would be held three to five years after limited Palestinian self-rule began.

Shamir has steered clear of any plan that seems to commit Israel to relinquishing West Bank and Mubarak advanced the propos-

als as refinements to Shamir's plan for Palestinian elections. Baker is in the process of sounding out Mideast leaders about Mubarak's ideas. He met last week with Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Tuesday with Crown Prince Hassan. Mubarak is expected to visit Washingtoo within a few weeks,

followed by Shamir in November. Other elements of Mubarak's

He said Jordan was willing to Jerusalem to participate in the voting by international observers.

Prince Hassan told reporters after be saw Baker that the Bush administration should permit PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat to address the United Nations in New York.

"We think Arafat should be granted diplomatic recognition." Hassan said after a 45-minute meeting with Baker.

At a oews conference later, Hassan called Mubarak's proposal worthwhile, but said a settlement of the Arab-Israeli dispute required an international peace conference.

"We see the Egyptian propos-als as a mechanism for holding elections," he said.

Hassan met with Bush at the White House for about 15 minntes. He told telling reporters that they discussed generalities.
"I bad the very moving im-

pression of the president's per-sonal concern towards these de-velopments," the Crown Prince

Prince Hassan said the talks dealt with "regional issues, particularly the situatioo in the occupied Arab territories, the suffering of the Palestinian people, and the situation in the Lebanon." The Crown Prince said the

discussions also dealt with the situation betweeo Iraq and Iran. Present at the meeting were Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Marwan Qasem, Planning Minister Ziad Fariz, and the Jordanian ambassador to the

Arab mediation panel on Lebanon begins talks

NICOSIA (Agencies) — Syria has told an Arab League peace committee meeting in Jeddah that it will withdraw its troops from Lebanon only if Israel does the same, diplomats said Wednesday.
The foreign ministers of the

committee members — Algeria, Morocco and Saudi Arabia met Wednesday to decide if they should resume peace efforts they suspended at the end of July, the Saudi Press Agency (SPA) said. Diplomats and officials quoted

by Reuters said they expected the ministers to go ahead with a new drive to end six months of fighting in Beirut between Syrian troops, their Lebanese allies, and the forces of army chief Michel

Moret than 800 people have been killed in the shelling which started in March when Aoun, who commands 15,000 soldiers, declared a "war of liberation" to expel Syria's estimated 33,000

In Beirut, security sources reported three hours of artillery duels Wednesday and said one of Aoun's men was killed.

Diplomats said Syria told the committee it would pull out of Lebanon only if it received firm guaraotees from the United States that Israel would withdraw from its self-declared "security zone" in southern Lebanon. Syria also wants constitutional

and political reforms giving Muslims a bigger say in running Lebanon. The rivalry led to a political crisis a year ago which left Lebanon with no president and two

governments, ooe military, headed by Aoun, and one civilian, headed by Salim Al Hoss, vying for power.
The Arab League committee

set up in May, said at the end of July it was suspending its work because of insurmountable obsta-It decided to bold the Jeddah

meeting after widespread appeals, sparked by intensified fighting and beavy casualties last month, that it resume its peace Saudi Arabia's King Fahd said

in Jeddah earlier this week: "We are determined, with God's will, to find a final solution to a

tragedy which everyone agrees should come to an cnd." The committee has better chances of success this time because the warring factions are now convinced that there can not be a military solution," an Arab diplomat in Rivadh said.

The Lebanese, however, are less optimistic about prospects for peace, having seen dozens of mediation efforts disappear in a blaze of cannon and rocket fire.

Informed sources in Jeddah said the committee was considering a four-stage peace plan comorising:

 A comprehensive ceasefire on all Lebanese territory. - Lifting all land and naval blockades and opening Beirut air-

- Inviting the members of parliament to a meeting outside Lebanon to agree to a "charter of political reform." A parliament meeting in

Beirut "within a few weeks" for election of the president. A high-level Arab body would be formed to monitor the cease-

Hungary says open-border policy will continue

BERLIN (Agencies) — Hungary suspended with East Germany, said Wednesday that its borders and these agreements are no lonwould remain open for refugees seeking passage to the West, and an East German newspaper said it was time to ask why skilled citizens were fleeing the Com-

munist country. In Austria, the Interior Minis-try said 12,158 East Germans had passed through that country en route to West Germany in the two days that refugees have been taking advantage of Hungary's newly opened border.

"The Hungarian government's policy of opening the country's borders will continue," Ference Somogyi, the number two official in the Foreign Ministry, said in Budapest. As long as a third country is

gary will allow them to leave, be said. "There are agreements with other Warsaw Pact countries moved on and the flow of newsimilar to the one Hungary just comers had slackened off. But refused to allow East Germans to

willing to accept refugees from other East bloc countries, Hun-

ger in line with Hungary's newly assumed international responsibibties, such as our having signed the Geoeva coovention, Somogyi said. "We are working to bring these

various agreements into harmony with (our) new foreign policy," he added. Somogyi said the border policy

was consistent with Hungary's status as a signatory of the recent U.N. convention on refugees. Hungary is the only East bloc country to sign that convention. Meanwhile the tide of refugees entering West Germany receded to a trickle and some reception

camps were half-empty as recent arrivals left for new homes and Border police in Passau, the main reception centre in West Germany, said most of the 9,500 registered there had already

Bavarian officials said they still expected the final total to reach

The situation has quietened down considerably," Interior Ministry spokesman Detlef Flotho told reporters. "Individual travellers are arriving steadily but no longer in the mass proportions of Monday and early Tuesday. In Prague, Western diplomatic

sources said most of the 400 East Germans occupying West Ger-many's embassy had abandoned their bid to reach the West and left the mission, although 25 others had taken refuge by climb-

ing a garden wall. East German lawyer Wolfgang Vogel assured them that if they returned to East Germany, they would receive legal aid to leave the Communist country legally and could return to their jobs, the sources said. There were still between 150 and 180 people in

the embassy. Hardline Czechoslovakia has

leave its territory via the West their cars behind because the German embassy, in contrast to the buge exodus permitted by Hungary.

West German officials said refugees were being distributed throughout the 11 federal states Most wanted to settle in the states with the biggest quotas, Bavaria and North Rhine-Westphalia, and there were no known cases of anyone being sent any-where against his will.

Josef Heisl, border police chief in Passau, said about a fifth of the refugees wanted to move to West Berlin but would have to have sought after.

enclave city is ringed by East German territory. The West German government

warned East Gemans who had left their homeland without permission not to return there on visits as they could face prosecu-East Germans arriving in Pas-

sau have been quickly snapped up some on their first day - by West German employers short of staff. Workers skilled in metalworking, electrical installation and other trades are particularly

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Israeli troops battle masked Palestinian youths

By Nicolas B. Tatro The Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Occupied Gaza Strip — For Israeli soldiers, the Palestinian uprising is no longer a battle against large riots, but a matter of stalking groups of masked Palestinian yonth's armed with knives, pipes and firebombs.

Palestinian youths have banded together to enforce PLO strike calls, distribute leaflets, attack soldiers and kill Arah collaborators. Some have taken imposing names: Striking Arms. Intervention Forces, Black Panthers, the Liberators, Popular Army Brigades, Lightning Forces.

They often operate at night after the army-imposed curfew begins. Some wear khaki uniforms and carry handcuffs.

"The character of the uprising has changed. Instead of mass demonstrations, there is tension and isolated events in which fewer and fewer people taking part." Maj.-Gen. Matan Vilnai, the Gaza commander, told the daily Maariv recently.

The army's response to the phenomenon has been to allow soldiers freer use of their weapons against masked suspects. But some soldiers complain the orders are confusing, and critics say there is a trend toward shooting first and asking questions later.

The soldiers call the masked men "raoulim," abbreviated Hebrew for "the covered faces." because most wrap their heads in red- or blackcheckered keffiyehs.

"If they put on masks, it means they want to hurt us. They have either knives or firebombs, and we must protect ouselves. It's self-defence, a question of life," reserve Capt. Zaroka, 34, said as his jeep whipped around a corner onto Palestine Street.

Zaroka, a computer software expert who gave only his first name in keeping with army regulations, was on patrol with a vice president of fertilizer company, a pecan farmer, a shopkeeper and an insurance claims adjuster.

All in their late 30s, the reservists fought together in the 1973 Middle East war and the Lebanon invasion. Now they were serving their fourth tour here since the December 1987 start of the intifada, or Palestinian uprising against

Israeli occupation. Because of their experience, the troops see themselves as less likely than young conscripts to get rattled and open fire without reason.

Yaron, 36, who owns an anto-parts store, said be would not use his weapon to shoot at children who threw stones or burned tyres. But he would use it as a last resort against the masked activists.

"If they want to play around and try to kill me, well, I will kill them," he said. There are increasing reports

from other reservists returning from duty in the occupied territories that restrictions on opening fire are often ignored by commanders in the field.

Elisha Shapria, a reserve lieutenant colonel and head of the Socialist Kibbutz Artzi collective farm movement, said on Israel TV he had seen such excesses during his own reserve tours and heard of others from the movement's mem-

"The fact is that in the field, many irregular incidents are going on and soldiers are carrying out dozens and dozens of illegal orders," Shapira said. "The army's high command is making great efforts to protect our scoeity's norms, but to my sorrow we are seeing many deviations."

The army seaid 80 Isrelis have been tried for breaching orders, with sentences ranging from suspended terms to 41/2 years in jail.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin recently eased firing restrictions as part of a steppedup campaign against the masked youth. He allowed soldiers to use live ammunition instead of plastic bullets when opening fire on masked boys who refuse orders to halt.

Army spokesman say that in making arrests of masked activists, soldiers must shout warnings and fire in the air before they are allowed to shoot at a fleeing suspect — first at the legs and then at the

A 30-year-old soldier who recently returned from a month of reserve duty in the Gaza Strip said many soldiers

fathers used to use. It is a place



Israeli soldiers arrest Palestinian youth in the occupied territories

were confused about frequently changing and complex orders about when they were allowed to shoot. This led some to refrain from using their weapons altogether, while others felt encouraged to fire freely.

In practice, the reserve soldier said, speaking on condi-

tion of anonymity, the whole procedure of shouting, then firing, can take only a second or two, especially if the task is divided by four soldiers.

One top army officer, who showed a reporter a new 10page pamphlet of rules recent-ly issued to soldiers on opening fire, denied there had been an increase in cases of brutality or other deviations from the

"The big majority of com-manders and soldiers believe the orders are clear enough even though they do not give the exact solution for every case or possible situation," be

A man's dream revives a nation's culture

By Nelly Lama Special to the Jordan Times AMMAN — A Greek philo-sopher once said "find a dreamer and huild great cities, a nation." Jordan bas found its man! He has with him dreams of reviving the past dreams of bringing back to everyone's mind, memories of yesteryear. "Our" man is Munir Nassar, a travel agent, who sought to revive local tourism making the furthest corner of the Jordanian desert accessible to local and foreign tourists alike. We hear of desert safaris in fourdining in the middle of the desert,

wheel drives, and what could require more imagination than in the ruins of a deserted castle, being catered for by the Marriott? Or go on a train ride and attend Bedouin raids, or take a train-trip in the original steam back to 1954 (four are still run-(fing) and have a light meal with piano entertainment in the rennovated "Al Jiza" station of the Hijaz railroad which was initially designed and huilt by a German engineer in the first half of the century and later used in the filming of Lawrence of Arabia. This Nassar has done and more. 'My idea is not to just rennovate

His greatest achievement yet, could only take place with the help of an old Jordanian family. with roots in the country, and with an estate, a building complex, that stands high on a hill in the Yaduda, changing faces with the coming and going of the various civilisations that inhabited it. This was the abode of the Abu Jaber family for many generations. Respected by nearby Bedouin tribes they thrived in their farming and plantations. Some moved to the city and

old sites but rather to turn them

into something useful," he ex-

returned to spend the summer, while others built mansions near-"The original family home was deemed unsafe after the 1927 earthquake and was raked to ground-floor level," explains Yazid Abu Jaber, former resident, whose family now lives in mansions down the hill, with vast olive groves all around them. This whole complex was left for the borses and for fodder reserves. In fact, one can notice holes in the vaults through which camel caravans, standing on the roof, would dump the fodder. The way it looks now, Saleb Abu Jaber would have appreciated it if he could see it now." Saleh is the great grandfather who was so determined and shrewd as to build this buge complex for his children. "When we were children," Yazid continues, "we did not appreciate it. Now we are more aware of its worth. Many people have approached us to use it towards commercial ends, they promised us a lot of money but we refused. Finally we found someone to appreciate it and do something worthwhile with it."

The restaurant

The Abu Jaber complex has, in fact, had a facelift that has unearthed ancient boulders that witness to its earliest past, its paths were uncovered to show the old cobbled road, the gesso removed from its walls and vaulted ceilings to expose the rough stonework used in the huilding of this little 'village.' A new name was given to it "Kan Zaman" translated as "Once upon a time, there was...", referring to all the old artifacts and waning trades that seem to acquire new life in there. Yes. Kan Zaman is bustling with activity now, presenting to the Jordanian people as well as to foreigners, an image of all the traditional wares that our grand-

where one could feel melancholic and yearn for the past, but where the atmosphere of feasting and rejoicing, the old-fashioned way, ends in a traditional meal more like Arab "home-cooking," with live entertainment, be it dances such as "Dabkeb," the fisher-men's return, the barvest, varieties like comic skits, the reenactment of a village wedding, or a recital on the "Oud, Rababa (bedouin string instrument), or Shabbabeh (reed flute). The restaurant is located in a vast vaulted area that has maintained its original character in spite of the rennovations. Its accoustics are stunning, since the sound hits the circular vaults, and rebounds, creating a natural amplifier. An Arabian-style scating area with colourful pillows opens up the space to a large, circular, booded fireplace serving as a food-warmer. Beside it we recognise the good old "Namlieh" our traditional pantry. Of course, like most things here, it is an original one. A waiter comes swinging about a tray, carrying filled glasses, it could make you jump, but the glasses don't fall, the three poles that lead the brass tray to the waiter's hand are studied to gain momentum as they swing. An astounding feat that one remembers from his childhood days with a smile! Waiters wear the traditional Umbaz and Kiber (a long overdress whose seams are propped up to the waist), their Hatta wound around their heads in the manner of fieldworkers. They offer free drinks that are both traditional and exotic, especially in their presentation within colourful, original containers. Sons (Licoriee), Tamarind, Carob, Almond drink, all what

our grandfathers drank, and in

the same way. One Large glass

container has a siphoning device

which, when raised with the finger pressing on the knob, retains the liquid; once the finger lets go, the bouid is released from below into the glass. This ancient container is called "Atramiz-Shaft". One more item among these heart-warming artifacts is the sweet-trolley, which is no other than the carriage of the Halawani (Street sweets-vendot) with straw disks that carry typical Arab sweets such as Harisse, Sahlab, etc. The restaurant area can house 400 guests but only 154 will be admitted to leave space for the entertainment and rejoicing. All chairs and ceiling beams are made from antiquated hardwood recuperated from the site of the old railway. "It has broken many a saw the workmen exclaim.

Talking of workmen, this is one site where the heart is bound to the hand. They seem to feel and understand that what they are doing is important, after all, they are bringing hack the good old days! A painter, Ali, wrote a poem about 'Kan Zaman' that was so charming in its simplicity that it now lies on every tablemat. Yes, everyone gets a chance here, with no reservations.

Outside the restaurant, flanking the cobbled street is a genuine old style Souk with craftsmen practicing their ancient trades; many of whom are in their seventies. Among others Abu Ibrahim, the guardian, who was born on the site over seventy years ago, stands with his thin bedouin gait and sun-baked skin and holds on to his responsibilities. Hearing the motors run the first day, he feared monsters and put out the electricity. That is how authentic this place is.

Al-Attar

The Bakers, two other sep-tnagenarians, bake their bread on riages, reverberes and all, offer

pebbles heated by burnt wood in an old fashioned furnace at "Al Taboun." Next stands the shop of "Al-Attar" who sells spices, herbs, Arabic medecines etc. The traditional Attar is known to make his own mixes, and so he does. A craft area follows called "Hirafioun" in which one finds a sculptor carving olive wood m "Al-Zaitouneh", a man working at copper repousse, another making saddles, The Society for the Protection of the Family also exhibits its embroidered wares in a stall called "Al-Shiniar". In the stall called "Okaz" an artist paints while works depicting the Jordanian scene by George and Jack Kaplanian and Diana Sham'onki are exhibited. The area retains its antique elements, reeds cover the ceiling (invisibly topped with cement overlay to protect from rain), old beams, an original roughly-tiled floor, etc. attach these crafts to a long-lived tradition. Before you arrive to "Bridal Chest" and area where the Bani Hamida rugs, and other Save the Children artifacts (quilts, embroidered baggagerie, etc.) are exhibited, and the vast room across the road in which an original old Bani Hamida weaver will work on her long and primitive loom, you will encounter in the middle of the street, two old Sirkashian carts, the first wheeled vehicles in the kingdom, reconstructed by an old Turkish Sirkashian. A third was found, and is being reconditioned. An old wooden plough like those used with a bull and yoke lies around. Short piers and columns, found in situ, also stand there. A short way above, stands the children's theatre, beld by Margret Maladjarian, for even children can have their share of happiness here. To liven up the atmos-

you free rides around the area. Looking around at the entrance of this Souk, one finds different architectural structures juxtaposed upon each other, telling the tale of passing years, Around a square entrance, for example, one can detect an old keel arch; while above geometric, probably Byzantine boulders stand small irregular stones. A wooden staircase leads you

below to an open air 'oldfashioned' cafe with straw stools better known as 'coffee-chairs'. An old photographer, above seventy, stands with an antione booded camera-on-easel, taking photographs of passers-by. A glass kiln supercedes "Al-Khalili," a shope of blown glass; Al-Khalil referring to Hebron from where this craft derives its origin. "Al Mukhtar" is a workshop where they transfer traditional oil lamps into electric ceiling or side lamps. Finally "Al Sulsal," a pottery run by two renowned Jordaman potters Rula Ghandour and Hazem Zu'bi, stands with its traditional Arab pottery wares decorated with script that conveys wishes of good health and "bon appetit". These wares are used in the restaurant and could be done to order. An extra wheel allows the visitor to try his hand at pottery.
Outside this lower souk, under

the climbing plants, in a traditional Arab setting, one can look out across the hills and see the surrounding mountains, bedecked with trees, witnesses of a determined generation, who, in spite of all odds managed to incorporate within its livelihood, lots of charming moments, very much in the fashion that you experience today in 'Kan Zaman'. With modern facilities and all, it holds the last vestiges of an ethnic culture that bas been left behind for more Western stuff.

MIDDLE EAST NEWS BRIEFS

Nigerians seek rescue from Lebanon

BEIRUT (R) — Frightened Nigerians appealed to their government Wednesday to rescue them from Lebanon's civil war. Six Africans, one a Nigerian, have already been killed and buther delay could end with the government "evacuating dead bodies" a group of students wrote to Nigeria's president, General Ibrahim Babangida. "Day by day our conditions deteriorate from bad to worse," wrote the students, who said they spoke for 63 Nigerians in Lebanon. They said Lagos promised help last month but did nothing. Shelling has killed at least 800 people since March.

Iran upgrades ties with Kuwait

NICOSIA (R) — Iran upgraded relations with Kuwait to ambassadorial level Wednesday in its drive to improve relations with neighbouring states soured by the eight-year-long Gulf war against Iraq. The Iranian News Agency (IRNA), monitored in Nicosia, said career diplomat Hussein Sadeqi would become ambassador to Kuwait, replacing a charge d'affaires. Sadeqi had acted as the Foreign Ministry's director general for the Gulf states. During the Gulf war, Iran fired several missiles at Kuwaiti territory in a bid to force it to end financial support for Baghdad. Kuwait, and most Gulf states, supported Iraq in the war in which Knwait, and most Gulf states, supported Iraq in the war in which a ceasefire came into force last August. Iran's ties with Kuwait reached their lowest end in 1987 when Iranians angry at the killing of 402 people, mainly Iranian pilgrims in clashes with Sandi forces during the annual Muslim pilgrimage, attacked the Kuwaiti and Saudi Arabian embassies in Tehran, killing a Kuwaiti diplomat. Iran has embarked on a vigorous campaign to patch up differences with the Gulf states since the election in July of President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani. As part of this policy, Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati, long considered a dove in Iranian politics, met leaders of Kuwait, Bahrain and Qatar during a Non-Aligned conference in Belgrade last week to emphasise Iran's desire for cordial ties.

Algerian Communist Party legalised

ALGIERS (R) - Algeria has legalised the Communist Party, banned since 1962, in a further step towards multi-party democracy, the state-run newspaper Al Messa has said. It said the Vanguard Socialist Party, the successor to the Communist Party, was given legal status by the Interior Ministry on Sept. 10 after applying last month. A party leader contacted by Reuters said the report was tantamount to an official announcement by the ministry. Known by its French initials PAGS, the party was formed underground in 1966 by left-wing FLN dissidents and former members of the Algerian Communist Party, which was banned a few months after independence. Since July Algeria has allowed parties opposed to the ruling National Liberation Front (FLN) to apply for legal status for the first time since the country became independent in 1962.

France to discuss loan row with Iran

PARIS (R) — A senior French diplomat will visit Tehran next week to discuss Iran's demand for full repayment of a one-billiondollar loan made by the late shah, government sources have said. They confirmed a report in the satirical and political weekly Le Canard Enchaine that the mission would be carried out by Francois Scheer, France's Middle East envoy. The Foreign Ministry declined to comment. Iran has said the improvement of relations between the two countries would depend on settling the dispute. France and Iran have recently resumed ties, which were severed for 11 months between 1987 and 1988 in a dispute over French allegations that Iran's Paris embassy helped terrorists. Iran says that, with interest, the 1974 loan would be worth \$2 billion. France has repaid \$630 million in two instalments since 1986. But Paris wants the Iranians to pay compensation to a French firm for breaking a contract to buy uranium.

Velayati starts talks in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Visiting Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati told Malaysian Foreign Minister Abu Hassan Omar that Iran wants to see a narrowing of the trade gap between the two countries which was now in Malaysia's favour. The Deputy Secretary General of the Malaysian Foreign Ministry Abdul Majid Mohammad told reporters that Velayati made the call during talks the two foreign ministers and their officials held at the Foreign Ministry Tuesday, the first day of a two-day visit by Velayati. Abdul Majid, who attended the talks, said Velayati suggested Malaysia buy more Iranian goods as part of the process to narrow the gap. Iran currently imports about 20 million worth of Malaysian products, mainly commodities such as natural rubber, palm oil and timber annually. But Malaysia's imports from Iran, mainly foodstuffs and crude oil, have so far been negligible and below \$1 million a year. Abu Hassan explained to the Iranians that Malaysia practised a free-enterprise system and it was up to the Iranian to come and market its products to the Malaysian private sector, Abdul Majid said.

'Awareness day' to honor hostages

WASHINGTON (AP) --- Congress is being asked to designate U.S. journalist Terry Anderson's birthday next month as a national day of prayer for the eight U.S. citizens held hostage in Lebanon. U.S. Congressman Paul Henry, a Republican, introduced a joint resolution to mark Oct. 27 as National Hostage Awareness Day. The resolution says church bells should be rung for one minnte at noon that day. Anderson, chief Middle East correspondent for the Associated Press, was kidnapped March 16, 1985, and has been held the longest of any of the eight U.S. citizens still believed to be alive. Anderson will be 42 on Oct. 27. "It's ... an exercise in conscience for the American people, so we can say we did what we could," Henry said at a news conference.

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Jordanian-Syrian pesticide plant

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nar has opened here to review a Jordanian markets," the minister According to Ahmad

Referring to the pesticide project. Innab said that its products

have a very good chance to be marketed in the Arab World

which annually consumes some

\$332 million worth of pesticides.

Innab pledged full Jordanian support for the project and ex-

pressed hope that organisations

invited to the seminar would ex-

The Syrian ministers of eco-

nomy and foreign trade and inud-

stry also addressed the seminar's

opening session paying tribute to the on-going process of integra-tion between Jordan and Syria in

They said that the pesticide

plant will hve an overall produc-

tion capacity of 4,296 tonnes annually to be mostly marketed

The pesticide company, they

said, will be set up in imple-

mentation of the joint Jordanian-

Syrian Higher Committee Re-

Last October, a general finan-

ciers meeting was held in Amman to raise funds for the project and

solutions taken in July 1988.

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tend support and assistance.

Al Hussein appoints new PSD chief

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussels Wednes-day appointed Major General Fadel All Faheed as director general of the Public Security Department (PSD), succe Lt.-Gen. Abdul Hadi Al Majali who resigned Tuesday to retire. A Reyal Decree issued here said that Maj. Gen. Faheed will assume his duty as PSD chief as of Sept. 21, 1989 when MajaF's. ent takes effect.

At the same time, King Has-sein sent a letter to Majali expressing his deep appreciation for his efforts during his man-date as PSD chief which began on July 1, 1985.

"Your choice to take up the duty of PSD chief was based on our knowledge of your high-level efficiency and your ability to introduce organization and your readiness to offer secrifice and dedication," the King said He said "in 1985 the PSD was

in great need of someone who could revitalise the force through new, modern training programmes and modernisation of techniques, and was in need of highly qualified personnel de-voted to the came of protecting the nation and providing security for its citizens and ready to help combat crime of any kind."

King Husein said that Majali



Maj-Gen. Padel All Paheed and his colleagues at the PSD "had succeeded in carrying out programmes in training and in acquiring modern equipment which together helped the police force to attain a great level of meet that won our couli-

ence and our pride."
The King said he was confident that the PSD will now pursue the course of developnt and offer the best services

to the Jordanian people. Before becoming PSD chief, Majali had served as Jordanian ambassador to the United States and as a senior army officer. His successor to the post is a senior army officer and commander of the fifth Royal Armoured Divi-

NATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF

MALHAS OPENS MEDICAL MEETING: Health Minister Zuhair Malhas Wednesday opened the 12th meeting of the Arab Council for internal medicine which is organised by the Arab Councilfor Medical Specialisations and called in a speech for further efforts to raise funds necessary for the council's operations. The minister also paid tribute to Palestinian doctors and specialists who are providing urgent medical help to the victims of Israeli repression in the occupied Arab territories, Malhas lauded recommendations taken by the Council of Arab Medical Specialisations in Libya which gave recognition to the hospitals of the occupied Arab territories. (Petra)

NABULSI TO ATTEND TUNIS MEETING: Central Bank of Jordan Governor Dr. Mohammad Sa'id Nabulsi will represent Jordan to the meetings of the Arab central bank governors due to open in Tunis Friday. The two-day meetings will discuss organisation of Arab economic ties with the European Community and review the final draft of the unified Arab economic report for 1989 due to be presented to the upcoming meeting of the International Monetary Fund in Washington. (Petra)

KEILANI RECEIVES IRAQI ENVOY: Minister of Water and Irrigation Mohammad Saleh Keilani Wednesday discussed with the Iraqi Ambassador to Jordan means to bolster and develop bilateral relations in the field of water and irrigation. (Petra)

POLICE GRADUATION: The Royal Police Academy Wednesday turned out four groups of police officers who completed training courses in different types of police work. Academy dean Mohammad Bassoul delivered a speech at the graduation ceremony and later distributed diplomas to the graduates. (Petra)

ARAB VETS TO MEET IN BAGHDAD: The Jordanian Veterinarians Association announced Wednesday that it will take part in a seminar organised by the Arab Veterinarian Federation in Baghdad Friday. Association President Ahmad Allouni said that he will represent the association at the meeting which will review a number of working papers from Arab states. (Petra)

HOUSING BANK MEETING: The Housing Bank is holding a meeting Thursday for its regional management in charge of branches in southern Jordan. The two-day meeting is being held at the Ma'in Spa near Madaba. (Petra)

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WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly builetins and the daily Atabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions,

EXHIBITIONS

* An art exhibition by Jordanian artists Khaled Ghawanneh and Abdullah Kamalch, and the Syrian artist Walte Al Mauri at the Housing Bank Art Gallery.

* A feature film entitled "The Grapes of Wrath" at the American Centre - 7:00 p.m.

PETRA CULTURAL FESTIVAL

EXHIBITIONS

- * Handicrafts exhibition, which includes scalptures, embroidery, sand ornaments and woodwork, at the Tourism Square. * The National Heritage Exhibition, which includes knitwent. textiles and simple agricultural took used locally, at the Tourison Square.
- * The Archaeological Treasures of the Sahara Exhibition inside the old city of Petra.
- * A photo exhibition on Petra inside the old city of Petra. * The Armed Forces Exhibition, including photos and posters
- depicting the armed forces development.
- A comprehensive art exhibition, held by the University of Jardan, includes paintings, photos and sculptures at the Visitora Centre. An exhibition of oriental artifacts and folkloric costumes at the
- Teurism Square.

× Petra cross-country race — 3:30 p.m.

LECTURE

- *A lecture by Japanese Ambascador to Jordan Makoto Wata-nabe, organised by the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA), on a programme entitled "traditional Japan, modern Japan and tomorrow" at the YWCA 7:00 p.m.
- * A lecture on cultural movement in Jordan by Dr. Khaled Al Karaki — 4:30 p.m.

FOLKLORE.

* Folkloric shows by Al Mafraq Young Women's Centre Troupe, Karak Young Women's Troupe, Jerdanian Artist Molamanad Al Hibdi and Yacanouk University Orchestra at Al Hareth Theatre — 8:30 p.m.





KING HONOURS ENVOYS: Rie Majesty King Humeia has conferred the Jorda-nian Independence Medal of the First Order on Algerian Ambassador Mohammad Bergham and Belgian Ambassador Codd Belgian Ambassador Guido Vanshus upon the end of their tour of daty in the Kingdom. Foreign Ministry Secretary General Mutanem Bilbeisi

presented the medals to Bergham and Vansina (photo above) at an official lunch he hosted at Araman Plaza Hotel, Bilbeiri also presented Swiss Ambassador to Jordan Harald Borner with a token gift. Borner is ending his tour of duty here by the end of this month.

Jordan prepares to celebrate Arab Child Day on Oct. 2

committee charged with prepara-tions for Arab Child Day cciebrations decided at a meeting Wednesday to start the celebrations on Oct. 2.

The meeting, which was chaired by Mrs. Inaam Al Mufti, director general of the Noor Al Hassein Foundation which is organising the coming event, was also dedicated to discussing coordination of private and public organisations offorts for the success of the celebrations.

Addressing the committee celebrations should be used as a ment issues.

The committee, which groups representatives of various concerned organisations as well as recitals, children's plays, work-

cary out wide ranging activities on Oct. 2 to lead the way towards providing better care and services to Jordanian children, Mufti

The activities, to be held under the slogan, "children's culture and education is a national and pan-Arab duty to build the Arab citizen," includes children's art exhibitions, children's entertainment programmes, educational field trips, seminars and lectures, as well as free medical examina-

The celebrations, which will means to encourage the public to last for a full nine days, include give proper care to child develop- book exhibitions, which will take place at public and private schools, artwork displays by children up to 15 years of age, poetry

shops for kiodergarten and mentary school teachers and field trips for children.

The branches of the Haya Art Centre will hold an art and folklore festival with the participation of children from social development institutions.

Children's trips to museums, cultural centres and places of interest have already been arranged, and programmes have been worked out to encourage children to take part in cleanliness campaigns.
The wide-ranging activities,

accordu tend from Irbid in the north to Agaba in the south.

Musti stressed the importance of family participation in the celebrations since families are essentially involved in the bringing up of children.

Jordan, N. Yemen sign programme to implement cultural agreement energy and social affairs. AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan and

sing satisfactorily despite the dif- to enlist support from various

ficulties, and their products are investment and financial orga-

North Yemen Wednesday signed an executive programme for the implementation of a cultural and educational agreement from 1989

feasibility study on a joint Jordanian-Syrian pesticide plant to be set up in Syria to meet the needs

of the two countries and export

the surplus to the Arab World.

Ziyad Innab and his Syrian coun-

terpart Antoine Jubran are

among a group of Syrian and Jordanian ministers and officials

taking part in the seminar along

with a representative of the Arab

Organisation for Industrial Development (AOID) which is co-

The seminar, according to Sy-

rian officials, will pave the way

also for an expanded meeting

later on to decide on marketing

The pesticide project is being carried out by the joint Jorda-

nian-Syrian Industry Company

which is also carrying out a num-ber of joint industrial schemes.

that the joint industry company has already established two plans,

one for processing white cement

in Jordan and the other for pro-

ducing wall to wall carpeting in

The two projects are progres-

Sweida, Syria.

Innab told the opening session

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sponsoring the project.

Minister of Industry and Trade

The programme, which was signed here by Ministry of Planng's Secretary General Safwan Tongan and North Yemeni Ambassador to Jordan Ali Abdnilah Abn Lahoum, organises bilateral cooperation in education, higher education, culture, sports and youth, health, secondment basis, cooperation in related fields.

The programme provides for ing Yemeni personnel at Jorda- sports delegations. nian universities, exchange of visits by university teachers and

and school textbooks. for Jordanian teachers to be employed in Yemeni schools oo a

conducting restoration of archaeological sites, exchanges of exchanges of scholarships, direct historic books and other matecontacts between universities in Jordan and North Yemen, train-exchange of visits by youth and

According to Ahmad Munir Hamash, the joint company

board chairman, nearly 60 per

cent of the plant's total produc-

tion will be marketed in Jordan and Syria and the rest will find its

way to neighbouring Arab states.

jected plant to produce some

4,000 tonnes of pesticides

He said that pesticides can be

of use mainly in agriculture but

will also be used for eliminating

insects and protecting public

take part in the AOID meetings, carlier co-chaired a joint Jorda-

nian-Syrian Higher Committee

meeting with Dr. Mohammad Imadi, the Syrian minister of eco-

nomy and foreign trade, to re-

view scopes of cooperation be-tween the two countries, covered

by the minutes of the higher

Innab said later that a review

was made of bilateral cooperation

in industry, agriculture, trans-

port, electricity and oil, as well as

economic and trade and financial

matters and banking arrange-

ments to settle even-handed trade

committee which convened in

Damascus last July.

Innab, who is in Damascus to

Hamash expected the pro-

Under the programme's provisions, the two sides pledge to cooperate in matters related to professors, joint seminars, exchanges of documents mannscripts and other cultural material social affairs, care for the juveniles, rehabilitation of the hand-The programme also provides icapped, providing health and primary health care and cooperation in energy, geology and other

RSS, W. German institute sign cooperation agreement

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Royal nistration in Jordan. It includes a social and economic dimensions West German Priedrich-Ebert-Wednesday signed a cooperation agreement for a research study entitled: "Socio-economic velopment, management and administration of rural areas in

Jordan." According to the agreement, the RSS Economic Research Centre will conduct a field study

vices in Jordan's rural areas and projects. the current administrative

Furthermore, the study discusses productive projects likely to be carried out and the most ideal administrative organisation that can be adopted in rural areas and

development centres. This study is designed to prepare practical recommendations to establish various projects of on rural development and admi-

Scientific Society (RSS) Economic Research Centre and the well as social and economic ser-

a period of time not exceeding eight months, during which at information and studies on this subject will be collected.

After completion of the research project, a workshop will be organised, by the RSS and sponsored by FES, to conduct discussions with experts and to disseminate the findings

Ministry of Justice completes work on new arbitration law

AMMAN (Petra) - The Justice Amman Chambers of Industry cass cases and issue and their Ministry announced Wednesday it has completed work on a new arbitration law and sent it to the cabinet to be endorsed before it

can be put into force.

The draft law was prepared by the ministry upon directives from Prime Minister Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker so that Jordan will have a new set of regulations to cope with the developments in trade, industry and the contracting business, to replace the existing law which came into force 37 years ago, according to a Justice Ministry statement.

The statement said that the Contractors Associations, the and other people and organisa-tions with wide-ranging experi-ence in arbitration procedures at number of cases referred to the the regional and international

bound to cut down on lengthy procedures in the course of court proceedings, the statement

From now on arbitration comministry enlisted the assistance of mittee comprising experts in the Jordanian Engineers and trade, industry and the contracting business will be held to dis-

and Trade and Jordanian lawyers decisions will be endorsed by as well as university professors Jordanian courts, the statement

The new law aims to reduce the courts, especially as they deal levels, in order to help enact the with matters of finance and trade, requiring high level expertise and The new law on arbitration is specialisation which can only be bound to complement the work provided through the arbitration of courts in many cases and is committee, the statement added. In addition, the statement said,

the Ministry of Justice has finalised a draft law on amendment on the axial weights on roads which will be referred to the cabinet for

It said that Jordanian courts will, from now on, look into cases involving axial weight issues.

AMO to establish federation of agricultural exporters to Europe

AMMAN (Petra) — The Agricultural Marketing Organisation (AMO) is currently preparing for the establishment of a Jordanian federation of agricultural exporters to European countries, and has already issued a handbook to help exporters provide information about export prospects to Europe, according to the director of AMO's Quality Control De-partment Ibrahim Ureikat.

Ureikat said in the past six months there was a upsurge in the amounts of exported vegetables and fruit to European markets, thanks to the concerted efforts of the AMO staff and the Jordanian

According to Ureikat, AMO has prepared an integrated plan to promote methods for increasing exports. This plan entails imposing control on exporters who, he said, should apply standard specifications acceptable to the European markets.

The plan, which has been worked out in cooperation with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), envisages dispatching officials and exporters on a toni

of European markets to familia-rise themselves with their needs of vegetables and fruits, Ureikat noted.

"At present, Jordan's efforts to vastly increase its crop exports to Europe are being hampered by the lack of sufficient proper transport facilities and the high cost of air freight," Ureikat noted.
He said that AMO has enlisted

the help of a foreign specialist in crop export operations to study Jordan's land, maritime and air transport potentials and possible export operations.

In fact, Jordan turned to European and Gulf markets in 1985 when traditional markets for its products in Lebanon, Syria and Iraq were closed for Jordanian exporters, according to AMO Director General Fahd Al Azab.

Even the traditional Gulf markets which used to import Jordanian products are now shrinking because Gulf countries started producing vegetables and fruit, and also because of strong competition from Turkey and Lebanon in those markets, Azab

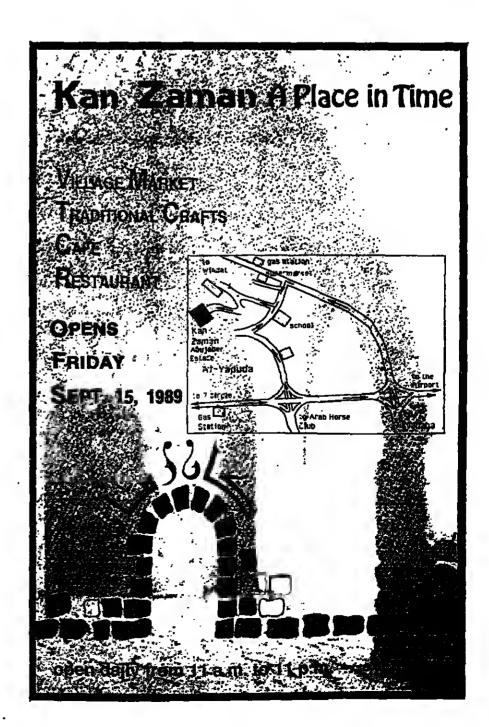
said, Jordan's agricultural exports in the past three years accounted for 35 per cent of the total exported national products, Azab

The past decade witnessed a vast increase in the volume of national agricultural production, causing surpluses to surface and create bottlenecks in marketing. He said that while Jordan had

previously relied on Arab markets to sell its products, attention is now being shifted towards Europe. AMO, he said, has been paving the way for this develop-ment in cooperation with USAID by dispatching teams of exporters European markets.

The teams visited France, the Netherlands and West Germany in May 1988 and had a close-hand study of their needs of products. Azab said.

Any development in ways and methods of exporting products and new markets abroad Azab concluded, are bound to help enhance the national economy and ensure more revenues of hard currency needed for development.



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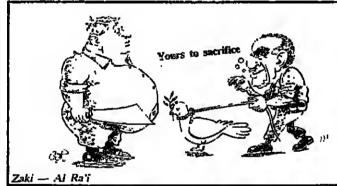
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In search for peace

MANY ATTEMPTS were made to by-pass the tripartite Arab committee entrusted to resolve the deteriorating Lebanese crisis and they were all in vain. Now all parties inside and outside Lebanon are rediscovering that the only viable hope is to give the Arab efforts a real chance to succeed. Much valuable time was wasted and untold killings, sufferings and destruction were also wickedly and criminally invested in the search for other ways to put an end to the conflict bleeding Lebanon. Fortunately, all sides have returned to their senses and now appear prepared to reactivate the Arab efforts.

But for the Arab efforts to triumph, it must solicit total Arab support on the basis of its initial findings. There is no more excuse to hide the facts and factors or even the circumstances that led the first Arab attempts into a dead end street. The Arab capitals and the Arab peoples everywhere cannot be expected to pronounce themselves in no uncertain terms on the peace process in Lebanon without being told clearly about what went wrong in the first place with the dedicated efforts of the Higher Arab Committee established by the most recent Arab summit at Casablanca. Time is certainly ripe and propitious for direct and free exchange of information on the subject of Lebanon. The cards, all the cards, must now or never be put on the table

for all sides, including the principle players to see. The Arab World was promised the submission of an interim progress report from the Arab Committee on its activities. Such a report has yet to surface. It is just possible that the revelation of this report can put the future Arab efforts on a more secure and stable course. Any other way would only put the Arab effort, on which the entire international community now depends, into yet another vicious circle with no end in sight. Lebanon and the Lebanese deserve openness in the treatment of their decade-and-half tragedy and the Arab World must be prepared to offer it to them. This is the least that humanity can do for them.



Jordan Press Editorials

Al Ra'i Arabic daily on Wednesday discussed the resumption of the Arab League tripartite committee's mission in Lebanon and said the fact that the meeting of the committee was taking place in Jeddah was a good omen for Lebanon. Saudi Arabia, said the paper, is placing its weight behind the committee, facilitating its work and helping it to achieve success in its endeavour to end the conflict in Lebanon. The committee which last July announced its failure to achieve a breakthrough, is now being assisted and backed in its efforts by Saudi Arabia and the Arab League member countries at large, and therefore, the only reminding issues bere is the cooperation of the factions in Lebanon so that success can be achieved. Should the committee fail again, the door will be wide open for further tragedies and could threaten the security of the Arab Nation as a whole, the paper noted. The paper said that Arab masses are looking forward to a fruitful effort by the Arab League committee, now that it is working under new circumstances following the removal of all obstacles that stood in the way of its efforts in its previous attempts. The paper expressed bope that all parties involved in the Lebanese me will now extend a helping hand to the committee to ensure

A columnist in Al Ra'i Arabic daily on Wednesday criticised the Arab League for holding its sessions in secret without relaying the outcome of these meetings to the Arab masses who are involved in a battle of destiny with the Israeli enemy. Mahmoud Al Rimawi says that whatever goes on inside the Arab League council should be published so that the Arab citizens can keep abreast with the discussions. The writer notes that the Arab League council has failed so far to follow up on a resolution taken by the Casahlanca Arab summit on the formation of a higher committee to back the intifada at the international forums. There is no more talk about that committee or its work, nor is there any talk about the Arab stand with regard to Israel's idea of holding elections in the occupied territories, says the writer. He says that the council meeting is no less important than that of the Arah summits. We realise that the council plans to discuss the occupied territories, Lebanon, the Gulf and other issues, but there is no justification whatsoever for failing to follow up the implementation of Arab summit resolutions, says the writer. It is regrettable, he adds, that no serious steps have been taken so far to provide meaningful support for the Palestinian nprising which is designed to end occupation of Arab land.

Al Dustour daily discussed King Hussein's visit to the governorate of Maan Wednesday. It said that the city of Maan served as the first station where the leaders of the Great Arah Revolt stopped to gather their forces and pursue the march north. The King is making the visit as part of his round-the-country tours, which started some time ago, for the sake of meeting the local inhabitants and being close to them and to their lives, the paper noted. It said that the King has maintained an open channel of communication with his people and moving in the foodsteps of his grandfather who served as one of the revolt's great leaders earlier this century. The city of Maan is Wednesday opening its arms to welcome the grandson of the founder of the Kingdom and a leader who is implementing the principles and the goals of the

Israel and the occupied territories: Possible extrajudicial execution

ternational report

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL has called on the Israeli government to order a swift and impartial investigation into the killing of a 17-year-old Palestinian who it fears may have been the victim of an extrajudicial execution by the security forces.

In a telex sent to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir on Aug. 1. Amnesty International expressed concern that Yasser Mohammad Abu Ghawsb appeared to have been shot and killed on July 10 when it might have been possible to arrest him without using lethal force and even though he did not appear to have been suspected of any life-endangering offence.

Amnesty International told Shamir that its information was that after the shonting the youth was not given medical attention by security forces, that a doctor was prevented from treating him on the spot and that be was not taken for emergency treatment to nearby medical facilities.

According to information received by Amnesty International, Yasser Abu Ghawsh was shot dead by Israeli security forces as he walked with friends along a crowded main road towards the central square of Ramallah, on the West Bank, late in the morning of July 10. The following sequence of events is alleged to have occurred:

A Volkswagen vehicle stopped near him and three men in civilian clothes got out. One of two others remaining in the vehicle pirt a blue light on its roof, identifying it as a security forces vehicle. Yasser Abu Ghawsh and

The following is an Amnesty In- his friends started to run in the direction of the central square. pursued by the three men, who drew pistols and fired in the air.

It is not clear whether they ordered Yasser Abu Ghawsh to stop either before or after opening fire, or whether he saw the hlue light placed on top of the vehicle. Witnesses said they did not hear any verbal warning.

Yasser Abu Ghawsh and his friends turned into a side street pursued by the three men. One of the pursuers stopped as soon as he had turned the corner into this street, took aim with his pistol and fired several shots in rapid succession at Yasser Abn Ghawsh,, who was running in the middle of the street.

The vonth was hit in the head and the back by three or more bullets. An eye-witness says the shots were fired at a range of under 10 metres — a distance not exceeding the length of two cars parked alongside the road. Yaser Abu Ghawsh fell to the ground, approximately 20 metres into the side street. His friends ran away unharmed

After the shooting, Yasser Abu Ghawsh's body was surrounded by his three pursuers and by soldiers who arrived quickly in two jeeps. A Palestinian doctor, whose office is nearby, came to give assistance. He identified himself as a doctor to the soldiers but they refused to let him approach the youth's body, which they loaded on to the floor of their jeep. However, the doctor pushed forward and managed to feel Yasser Abu Ghawsh's neck - be believes the youth was still

The jeep was then driven off in

the direction of the military headquarters in Ramallah, according to eye-witnesses, while the three men in civilian clothes returned to their vehicle and drove away undisturbed.

Yasser Abu Ghawsh is said to have been taken to the military headquarters and kept there for over three hours before an ambulance came for him. He is believed to have died before it arrived. An autopsy was reportedly carried out before the youth was buried at dawn on July

Yasser Abu Ghawsh is said to have been wanted for arrest by the Israeli authorities and to have recently escaped two attacks by soldiers and plainclothes men on July 2 and 6, during which firearms appear to have been used against him. He had apparently been involved in a demonstration in Ramallah on the morning when he was killed. Press reports in the following days quoted Israeli military sources as saying that Yasser Abu Ghawsh was killed by security forces after ignoring an order to stop and that he had been in-volved in "harassing" Palestinians suspected of collaborating with Israeli security forces.

Amnesty International has called for a speedy and impartial investigation into this incident, and for the findings and methods to be made public without delay. The organisation said that where there was suspicion of unlawful killing by members of the security forces, those involved should be suspended from active duty while the investigation proceeds. Any-body found responsible for such

killing should be brought to jus- 1987, Amnesty International has

Since the beginning of the a pattern of killings of Palestinian Palestinian intifada in December civilians by Israeli forces in which

repeatedly voiced concern about Israeli authorities.

there appears to have been unjustiliable use of lethal force; condoned if not encouraged by the

Prisoners in need of immediate medical care

AMNESTY International is concerned at reports that three Palestinian prisoners, arrested in connection with their political activities or affiliation, are being denied medical care recommended by their doctors. Yusuf Ahmad Ibrahim Hamlawi: male aged 30 years from Rimal in

He was reportedly arrested in January 1986 and sentenced to three years' imprisonment and two further years of suspended imprisonment on charges relating to membership of an illegal organisation. He is reportedly serving an additional sentence of twoand-a-half years imprisonment which was suspended after a previous conviction on similar charges. He is currently in Ashkelon Prison.

Yusuf Hamlawi is reported to be suffering a disorder involving the cervical spine. His head is permanently twisted towards one shoulder and he is reported to complain of headaches, and pain in the left arm which is no longer functional. Medical treatment so far appears to be restricted to pain control. A CAT scan which has been recommended by doctors who have seen Yusuf Hamlawi has apparently been agreed to in principle but has not been carried out.

Hisham Al Majdalawi: male, aged 24 years from Jabalya Re-

He was arrested on Aug. 23, 1988 and is awaiting trial on charges relating to political activities in connection with the intifada. He is said to be suffering from a thyroid disorder marked by a goiter. The course of this disorder is not known to Amnesty International but it has been reported that a specialist who saw him on June 1, 1989 while he was in Barzalai Hospital in Ashkelon requested his immediate hospitalisation (though whether for diagnostic investigation or treatment is not known to AI). At the end of June 1989 he remained in the Ketziot Detention Centre in the Negev desert and was reported not to be receiving adequate medical attention.

Mohammad Badawi Salameh Jubran: male aged 42 from Jeru-

He was reportedly arrested at midnight on May 28, 1989 by Israeli soldiers and security officers and was said to have been beaten during interrogation. Mohammad Jubran is seriously disabled suffering from rheuma toid arthritis and osteoporosis. He had a total hip replacement in the late 1970s which now needs further surgery. He also suffers from a duodenal ulcer.

Mohammad Jubran was first

fugee Camp (Gaza) identity arrested in 1972 and sentenced to card No. 91701746 Prison no: six years, apparently in connecsix years, apperently in connec-tion with his political activities, but was released in 1975 before expiry of the sentence for health reasons. In 1978 and 1979 he is reported to have been operated for bilateral hip replacement. In 1985 he fell suffering damage to the hips. He was reported to have suffered "marked painful limitation of hip movement." In 1987 he was examined at Makassed Hospital which reported that he "needs revision of the prosthesis and replacement of the femoral component as soon as possible, adding that he was fully incapaci-

> The operation was scheduled for September 1989. Lawyers for Mohammad Jubran asked a court hearing on June 27, 1989 to transfer him to a place where he could receive proper medical care, including to a prison hospital. The quest was refused. Subsequently, he was transferred from the Moscobiyya detention centre where he was beld.

Amnesty International is calling on the Israeli anthorities to ensure that the above-named prisoners receive the medical treatment recommended by their doctors and that the family of Mohammad Jubran is immediately informed of his place of deten-

An orphaned soldier's dream

By Edith M. Lederer The Associated Press

KABUL - In the orphanage where he grew up, a young sol-dier talks calmly about taking revenge for the murder of his entire family. Then, he passionately recites his poetry of peace and love, and hatred of the Afghan Mujahedeen guerrillas.

"I'm a poet, an artist and a tank commander," said 18-yearold Naimatullah Mawj. "Out of 18 people of my family, I am the only survivor. All my life has

Like Mawj, many other Kabul orphans of the 11-year Afghan civil war have no memories of life without rockets, fighting and death. They can only dream of walking in the mountains, driving across the country and nights without curfew. Much of Afghanistan is controlled by the Mujahedeen, U.S.-backed Muslim warriors fighting the Sovietaligned Kabul government.

The boyish-looking soldier, in his camouflage uniform, had re-turned to the Wattan Nursery, the "Orphanage of the Homeland" in northwest Kabul, where the majority of the 1,100 children are the sons and daughters of those killed by guerrillas.

"I came here when 1 was 9 years old. This is my home. I come to see my teachers, my friends," Mawj said, bursting into poetry about the nursery "which has become a nest of love for

The top graduate of the orphanage's secondary school, he published a book of poems and started studying journalism at Kabul University when he de-cided to join the army 18 months

"I went into the army because I wanted revenge," he said. Military service is obligatory for Afghan men in areas control-

led by the Kabul government, but Mawj gave up a deferment for university studies to serve in Chosen for President Najib's

elite special guard, he first served as a bodyguard for the president's wife and is now a first licutenant, commanding a tank unit in Kabul, he said. Mawj said he hadn't killed any

of those he blames for murdering his family in the village of Siagart in Parwan province north of Kabul, but be said be has killed three other guerrillas, two with rockets, one with a bullet.

Did it feel good? "Yes, because they had cut my young sister in pieces," he said. In one poem, Mawj wrote: "I

have great hate against an ignor-ant enemy, but I believe in common sense. I don't want war, I want peace. We all want peace. We are tired of war."

The orphanage promotes patriotism from an early age. A

group of 6-year-old sang a song for a visitor which started: "I will become a hero. Oh, guard my homeland."

Speaking in a strong voice, Mawj recited a poem he wrote about Afghanistan:
"Your high mountains are symbols of old pride.

"In the spring, you are ex-tremely beautiful and your deserts are so vast,

"I want every corner of you green with flowers and blossoms, "If I write 100,000 stories about you, still it will be too little,

I am an ongoing tide." The orphanage also fosters strong links with the Soviet Union and East bloc countries. Every year, almost half the students go to the Soviet Union, Hungary or Czechoslovakia to study. Russian is the only foreign language taught at Wattan and students are well versed in Marxist-Leninist

philosophy.

Mawi, who studied in the Soviet Union, speaks Russian and just joined the ruling People's Dennocratic Party of Afghanists Denocratic Party of Afghanists Denocratic Party of Afghanists. nistan. He said he would like both superpowers out of Afgha-

"I have seen a lot of pain and agony, and I give myself the right to ask the United States not to give sophisticated weapons to the extremists because it will increase the bloodshed in Afghanistan,"

By Robert Block

SALANG HIGHWAY, Afghanistan - The Salang highway has an awesome reputation as the most dangerous road in Afeha-

Twisting for 420 kilometres from the capital Kabul through the Hindu Kush mountains to the Soviet border, dusty in summer and icy in winter, it is the country's lifeline.

But its reputation stems not from its precipitous route, sharp curves, narrow lanes and huge potholes but because it is a prime target for Mujahedeen rebels. Both the rebels and the govern-

ment know that whoever controls the Salang determines whether bitter winter months or whether it starves and goes cold.

Guerrillas say they are planning to block the Salang to put pressure on the capital. But it is not clear whether they can muster the necessary coordination and force to do so. To show it controls the road,

the government recently took 40 iournalists in helicopters and annoured personnel carriers up the southern part of the highway.

A 30-minute helicopter ride from Kabul to the Afghan military base at Jabul-os-Saraj, 50 kilometres north, passed over

streams of lorries and buses making their way to the capital.

Most traffic was using a small "new Salang highway." The government opened it last spring to divert traffic from the southeramost portion of the main highway most frequently attacked by

Kabul's lifeline

Drivers complain about huge dust clouds which choke their vehicles but despite the problems hundreds of cars and trucks manage to make it to Kabul almost At Jabul-os-Saraj, a former

Soviet military camp now a heavily fortified Afghan army base, the journalists boarded three armoured personnel carriers and headed up the road. They passed green onion and

sharply with the grey and brown which rose in the distance. Beyond the Kush is the Panj-

shir valley controlled by one of Afghanistan's most effective rebel commanders, Ahmad Shah

and other goods destined for Kabul. Large numbers of empty trucks headed in the opposite direction toward the Soviet border.

Soldiers waved from outposts in the hills overlooking the road. The Salang highway is lined with burnt-out tanks and the rusting hulks of lorries, vivid reminders of the battles for control of the road first between Soviet troops; who withdrew finally in February this year, and Afghan

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ing the 10-year-old civil war and

then destroyed in a combined

Soviet and Afghan sweep in early

January. The highway was the main route for Soviet troops leaving Afghanistan in February and the corn fields which contrasted villages were levelled to deny

them to rebels planning to attack Reports say hundreds of villages, suspected of being Mujahedeen strongholds, were destroyed

by aerial attacks and artillery fire. Colonel Barakatullah, deputy commander at the Bogha Maidon The journalists passed lorries army ontpost, 26 kilometres and buses loaded with melons, south of the Salang tunnel, said timber, sacks of flour and cement the villagers were told to evacuate the area before the operation. However, diplomatic sources in Kabul said many of the villa-

gers chose not to leave and many vere killed when the drive began One journalist who visited the area last November sadly recalled the thriving atmosphere of these

Barakatullah said that after the Soviet withdrawal the Mujahedeen tried to cut the road but were unsuccessful because the rebels, and now between the re- army had established new posts

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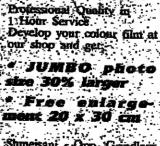
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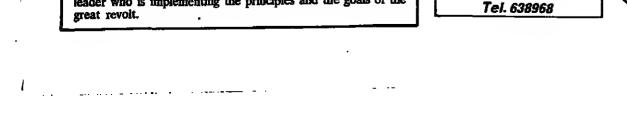


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Fortunately for us, there are complementarities in the economies of the two countries. These provide a good base for a truly wide ranging trade relationship. Jordan's priorities in the area of construction and industrial proiects also offer interesting new possibilities for cooperation with India, which has gained diversi-fied experience in its own quest for technological self-reliance, It must, however, be admitted that the present profile of bilateral trade does not reflect the true potential or the exceptional friendly relations between the two countries.

The Trade Fair Authority of India is organising an exclusive Indian Exhibition in Jordan for the first time. I hope the Exhibition will make a useful contribution to creating better awareness of Indian capabilities and stimulating interaction on new possibilities in trade and economic cooperation.

A.N. VARMA Chairman T.F.A.I Secretary, Ministry of Commerce

Government of India

Horizons wide for cooperation

THE VERY fact that India is organising an exclusive Indian trade exhibition in Amman Sept. 14-22, 1989, for the first time is both an indicator of growing economic and industrial relations between Jordan and India and an important step to fulfill the potential for cooperation in this field in the background of extremely friendly and close relations not only between the leadership of the two countries but also between the two peoples at all

India is the second most important trading partner for Jordan's exports. The orga-nisation of the fair, following exchange of visits, including the recent one in June of an Indian delegation comprising eminent industrialists and businessmen, would provide

an opportunity to importers and entrepreneurs in Jordan to further identify opportunities for imports of consumer, industrial and capital goods from India and select new avenues for industrial cooperation through joint ventures. The potential for cooperation is diverse and wide ranging, including high technology both for local consumption and for exports.

Indie is the 10th largest industrial nation in the world and produces everything both for its own use and exports; covering consumer, industrial and capital goods in the field of agriculture, light and beavy en-gineering, defence, textiles, petro-chemicals pharmaceuticals, transport, railways, buses, automobiles. ships and aircraft, energy hydro-power, thermal, nuclear



and non-conventional - electronics, computers, earth satel-

lites and space technology. The Indian government and its industrial trading and scientific community offer their hand of friendship to share their expertise and experience of industrialisation with entrepreneurs, businessmen and industrialists from the friendly country of Jordan.

The exhibition is but a small, window on the wide variety of industrial know-how, technology, consultancy services etc. available in India. I hope that it will act as a catalyst for greater collaboration for mutual benefit in order to fulfill the potential for cooperation and to rise upto the expectations of the top leadership of the two countries.

K. Gajendra Singh Ambassador of India



TIES THAT SPAN DECADES: His Majesty King Hussein with then Indian Prime Minister Jawaharial Nobru, architect of modern India, and his daughter, Indira

Gandhi, who went on to succeed him as prime minister, during a visit the King paid to India in 1963.

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optic lenses, cosmetics and other consumer goods.

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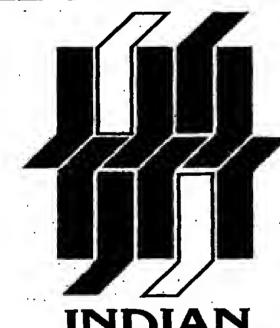
Business organisations and industrial importers/exporters heve been invited to the Exhibition. Invitees include those from the neighbouring countries.

A seminar will be held at 4 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 14, 1989, at the exhibition site on "Jordan-India Trade and Economic Cooperation" with the active support of the Amman Chamber of Industry, the Amman Chamber of Commerce and the Federation of Jordanian Chambers of Industry and Commerce. All interested officials, businessmen and industrialists from Jordan

are requested to attend.

A symposium on "Telecommunication Technology" will be held at the exhibition site on Saturday, Sept. 16, 1989, with the active involvement of the Indian Telephone Industries Limited and the Telecommunication Corporation of Jordan. The pre-lunch session, opening at 10 a.m., will deal with transmission teachnology and the afternoon session, beginning at 4 p.m., will concentrate on switching systems.

The exhibition offers a kalledoscopic view of the overall develop-ment of India in various fields and the competitive edge it offers in the context of economic cooperation with the friendly Arab countries in general and Jordan in particular.



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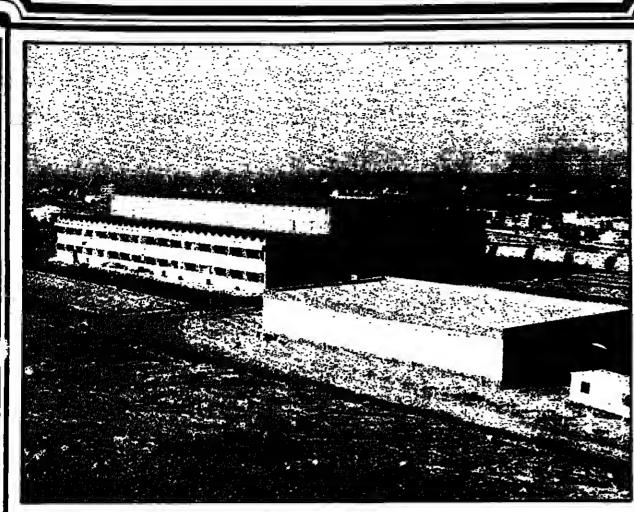
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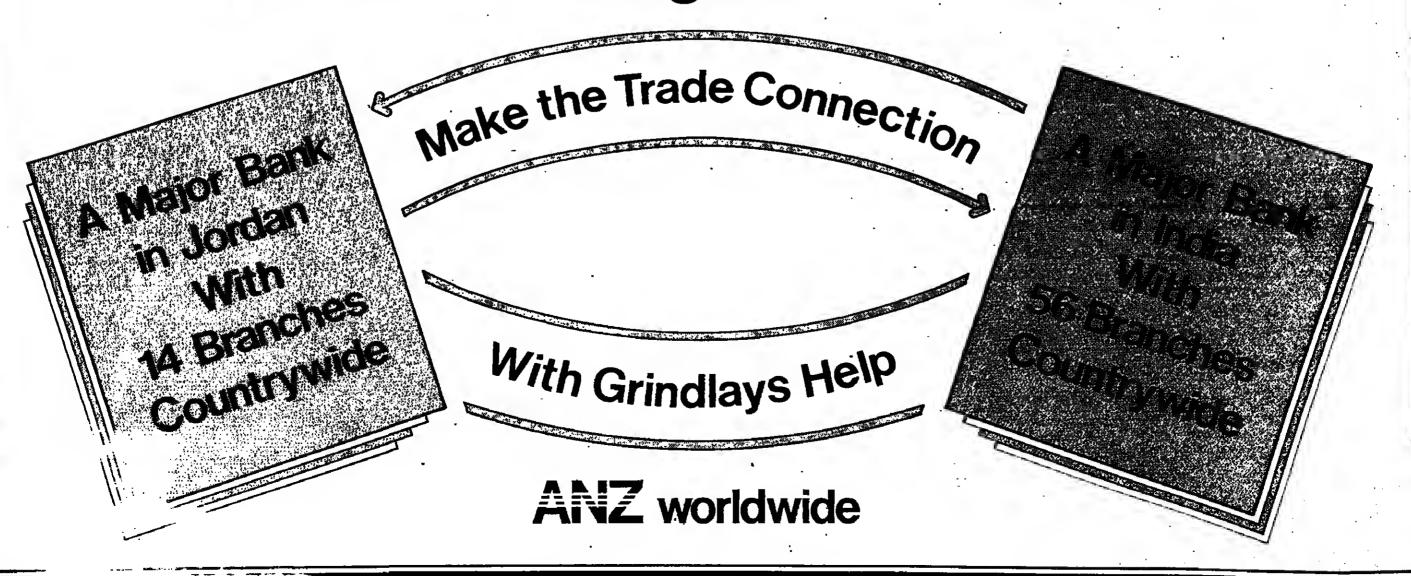
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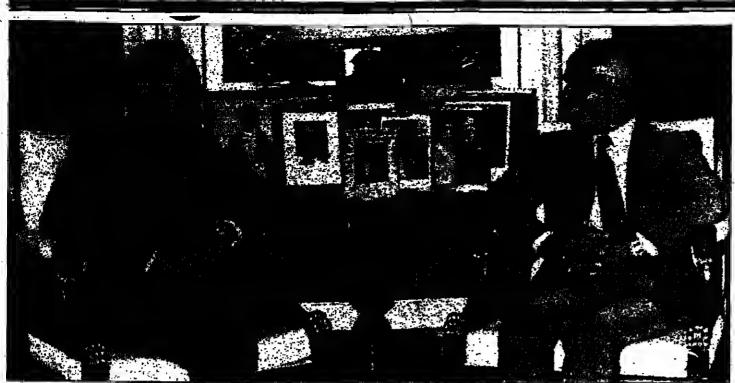
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Jordan-India trade — the evolution

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Two-way trade

Imports made by India from Jordan consist mainly of potassium, raw phosphate and fertilizers. The balance of trade has been in favour of Jordan for quite sometime, with the latest figure for 1988 reading U.S.\$116.662 million (Exports to Jordan reading only \$6,716 million against Imports worth U.S.\$122.836 million lion). The imbalance is mainly because of sizeable imports of rock-phosphate by Indie from

In order to streamline the twoway trade between the two countries and to correct the imbalance of trade, the agreed mi-nutes of the second indo-Jordaheld in New Delhi in March 1987, .called for increesing trede volume between the two countries and the Jordanian side agreed to make all possible attempts to import goods from India up to \$40 million during

Both sides agreed for putting up joint Industrial projects for fertilizers either In Jordan or in Indie, utilising Jordanian raw material for manufacturing products and for marketing the products in both the countries. However, whereas India was able to meet the import targets, Jordan's imports from India remained very low, thus tilting the balance of trade in Jordan's favour. The matter was again taken up in the third meeting of the Indo-Jordanian Joint committee held in Amman from March 27, 1989 to April:1, 1989. Jordan agreed to increase its imports from India to the tune of \$50 million in 1989. India agreed to increase its level of imports from Jordan by \$20-30 million during 1989 and egreed to import 1,200,000 to 1,500,000 tonnes of rock phosphate, 500,000 to 550,000 tonnes of MOP and 200,000 tonnes of DAP.

Projects

Dutt Builders and MMTC consortium involving total value of \$120 million. The Indian Railway Construction Company, e public sector company was also granted e workshop extension project at Aqaba involving a total value of five million U.S. dollars. The Govemment of Jordan has further assured that they are taking steps to encourage imports from India and evolve systems so as to source the imports both in public and private sector from

Trade Agreement

india's exports to Jordan included in the 1976 Agreement are: tea and coffee; spices Including dry ginger; tamarind; henne leaves end powder; vegetable oils and oil cakes; tobacco and tobecco manufactures; rice; suger; fresh and frozen meals; finished leather and manufactures thereof; engineering goods, including ell types of machinery, plants, proects, transport equipment and accessories, power generation, transmission and distribution machinery and equipment, electrical machinery and equipment, domestic appliances of all sorts

and coir products; chemicals (including dyes), drugs and pharmaceuticals; industrial explosives; glass manufactures; sanitery-were and fittings; rubber manufactures including tyres and tubes, etc; plywood; paper and paper products; paints and varnishes; plastics and linoleum; developed cinemetogrephic films; Iron and steel items, including billets, blooms, bars and rods, wires, pipes and tubes etc.; cement, asbestos cement and products thereof; sports goods; army software; electronic equipment including radios; telecommunication equipment, etc.; dry and storage batteries; other items such as confectionery, books and stationery articles; anarbattis, etc.

Indian Trade Exhibition In view of the vast scope that exists for Improving trade and commerce, as also to correct the imbalance of trade, a wholly Indie Trade Exhibition is being held in Amman. The exhibition proposes to bring to the fore Indie's capabilities In diverse fields. The exhibition also offers an opportunity for Inter-action between the business communinutes of the second indo-Jorda-nian Trade and Economic Joint : As fair as projects are con-Committee meetings which were "cerned, a road construction pro-thereof; weollen hosiery and knit-mutually beneficial deals."

'Trade fair culture' deeply embedded in Indian strategy

a Jordan Times

AMMAN - The "trade fair culture," which now dominates international business, not only owes its origins to India but it has also mushroomed into all of its modern manifestations in the country, according to Y.D.N. Rao, director of the Sept. 14-22 Indian Trade Exhibition in Amman.

"The art of displeying wares for sales in special arenas is very much pronounced in Indie's history deting beck to thousands of years," says Mr. Rao, general manager of the Trade Fair Authority of Indie (TFAI). "Whet you will be seeing in Amman is e transformation of the concept of our ancient 'melas' (village fairs) where everyone who had something to sell converged and sought to attract buyers." "What we have been doing over the years is to absorb and

develop the concept of attracting business through displey in

all modern forms and shapes," adds Rao, a TFAI veteran of over 100 international fairs in Western Europe and the Gulf Arab states. "India, like any other country, has totally accepted tha idea that trade fairs are the most cost-effective way of export promotion through physically getting your message across to interested parties."

"It's very unfortunate that we did not come to Jordan ear-lier," he seys. "We find tremendous potential in the Kingdom not only in trade but also in long-term industrial projects where India can offer its technology."
Rao pointed out thet TFAI

which was established in 1977. now organises dozens of trade exhibitions every year in various parts of India itself, many of them specialised gatherings for e particular line of product. He cites as examples tha India International Leether Fair, which is held every Jenuary in the southern city of Madras, and the Ahare (Food) Fair and the Indian International Electronics Exhibition held in New Delhi. But, the most colourful and major event for the authority is its annual India International Trade Fair held every November in New Delhi, More than 40 countries take part in the feir.

The Sept. 14-22 event in Amman, according to Rao, is e modest effort but aiming at fasting results." He expresses confidence that it "will open up e new chapter in Jordanian-Indian economic relations and industrial cooperation."

"We hope to come back with fresher ideas and thoughts." he seys. "We hope to make an Indian trade fair in Jordan a regular event. One of the things that has impressed Rao in Jordan is the

efficiency and cooperation of its people, whether on the official level or otherwise. He has high words of praise

for officials of the Ministry of Industry and Trade, the Amman Chamber of Commerce, the Amman Chamber of Indus-



V.D.N. Rao

try and the Jordanian Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry. "Without the ex-tensive help they extended to us, we would have faced great difficulties in organising the event," he said. "Tha same goes for the people from the ministry of finance and customs, who were extremely helpful to us in every sphere.

Indian Telephone Industries — a reckonable force in telecommunications

INDIAN Telephone Industries Limited (ITI), India's first postindependent public sector undertaking, is e pioneer in telecommunications. It manufactures the entire range of telecommunications equipment, from simple telephones to complex fibre optic systems and satellite communications systems.

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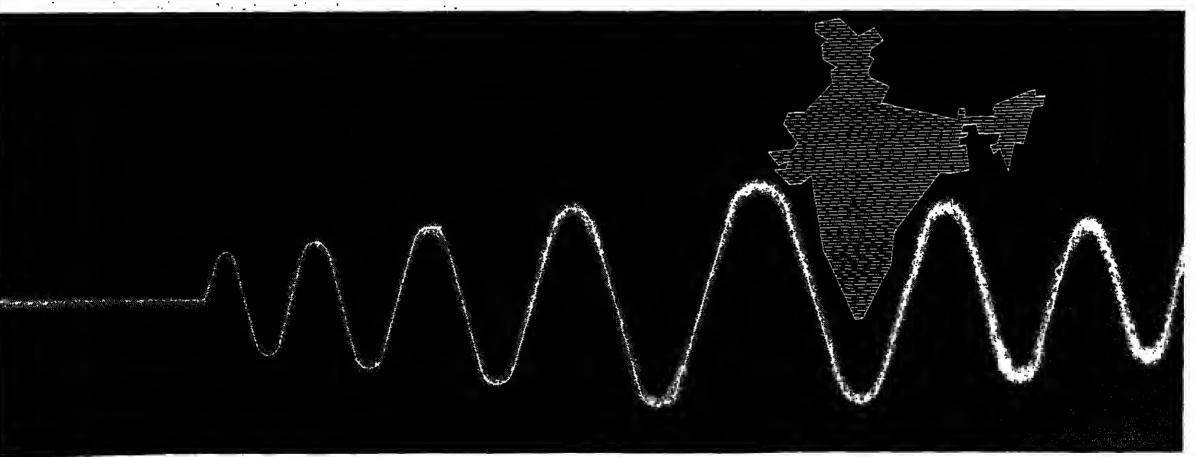
Telephone instruments of various types, electromechanical switching-systems, strowger and crossbar types, E10B electronic main automatic and trunk autometic exchenges, electronic telex exchanges, PCM systems - (2Mb/s, 8Mb/s, 34Mb/s, 140Mb/s), microwave radio relay systems, military communication equipment, railway control and communication equipment, satellite earth station equipment, SCA-DA systems, small capecity digital rural exchanges, EPABXs, CAD systems for PCB&LSI design, CAD system for LSI design, digitel micro-wave systems, digital coaxial

systems, optical communica-

tion equipment, micro earth stations for deta, digital UHF systems, packet switching end ISDN; office automation sys-

in the past, ITI had executed orders in Jordan to the extent of \$ 2.5 million. It executed orders like commissioning of e main automatic exchange at Salt town, supply and installa-tion for 24 additional positions at the Internetional manual centre, Amman. These orders were followed by several other contracts, especielly e turnkey project for engineering, supply, delivery and installation of exchange equipment for upgradetion of the telecom network in Amman. ITI also received a maintenance contract from the Jordanian Telecommunications Corporation.

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Le schéma est désormais classique. Au moment même où le triunivirat de la Ligue arabe (Algérie-Maroc-Arabie Saoudite) s'apprêtait à relancer sa mission de paix au LIBAN, les affrontements ont repris de plus belle à Beyrouth. La marine syrienne a notamment renforcé son blocus du «réduit chrétien» en ouvrant le feu lundi sur deux navires, dont l'aéroglisseur qui assure l'unique liaison avec Chypre. Le «Santa Maria», avec 330 passagers à son bord, non plus que le cargo «Clara», transportant des produits alimentaires à destination du Liban, n'ont été touchés par les salves des vedettes de Damas. Cet épisode illustre cependant les difficultés auxquelles continuent de faire face les leaders arabes pour résoudre la dernière crise libanaise, longue déjà de six mois. La plupart d'entre eux se disent néanmoins «confiants» dans les chances du triumvirat de parvenir à un véritable cessez-le-fen, à l'instar du roi Hussein, qui lundi encore a rappelé qu' «aucun sommet arabe n'était pour le moment envisagé». Un «optimisme» et même une «satisfaction», que la France a partagé le même jour par la voix du secrétaire général du ministère des Affaires étrangères, François Sheer, qui achevait à Rabat sa tournée des capitales concernées par le conflit.

La PROPOSITION EN DIX POINTS du président égyptien pour résoudre la guerre israélo-palestinienne a reçu depuis le week-end dernier l'appui de plusieurs personnalités de l'OLP, dont Abou Mazen, membre du comité exécutif de la centrale palestinienne. Ce dernier a notamment approuvé que l'initiative d'Hosni Moubarak, en faveur d'élections dans les territoires occupés, s'inscrive «dans le cadre d'un règlement global». Alors que le Front populaire de libération de la Palestine de Georges Habache rappelait depuis Damas son opposition à tout scrutin sous occupation israélienne, le conseiller de Yasser Arafat, Bassam Abou Sharif, s'est dit «prêt à rencontrer im-médiatement un membre du Parti travailliste [israélien] pour discuter tous les détails de ce nouveau plan. Une déclaration qui faisait suite à celle de Shimon Perez, selon lequel le «plan Moubarak» pourrait servir de base à des négociations avec des Palestiniens. En totale contradiction avec son premier ministre, Yitzhak Shamir, le leader du centre-gauche israélien a ajouté qu'il était en faveur de la participation des Palestiniens de Jérusalem-Est à d'éventuelles élections. M. Perez a également rappelé que son parti avait fait sien le principe des «territoires contre la paix», pierre angulaire de tout dialogue direct avec l'OLP. (D'après agences).

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Nominations. Ali Suheimat a été nommé mardi maire du Grand Amman en remplacement d'Abdoul Raouf Rawabdeh. Ce dernier avait démissionné au début un mois pour pouvoir se présenter aux élections générales du 8 novembre prochain. Par ailleurs, le général Fadel Ali a succédé an général Hadi al Majali à la tête de la Sûreté générale du royaume. Le nouveau directeur était jusqu'à présent le commandant des forces blindées spéciales de l'armée jordanienne.

Accord sur la dette. La Jordanie et le Club de Londres sont parvenus lundi à Amman à un accord de principe pour le réécheonnement d'une partie de la dette extérieure du royaume, estimée à 1,1 milliard de dollars. Au terme de deux jours de négociations, les banques privées créancières ont accepté d'étaler le remboursement de 575 millions de dollars (payables avant le 30 juin 1991) sur une période de 11 ans, avec délai de grâce de 5 ans. Amman s'est engagé en contrepartie à verser l'intégralité des intérêts dus sur ce montant pour 1989, et qui s'élevant à 82 millions de dollars. Une nouvelle réunion doit se tenir dans la capitale britannique, à une date non encore précisée, pour finaliser l'accord.

rendra mardi prochain à Lisbonne dans le cadre d'une tournée des capitales de la Communauté économique européenne, qu'il a engagée en sa qualité de président en exercice de la CEE. Le chef de l'Etat s'entretiendra notamment avec le premier ministre portugais, Calvaco Silva, au cours de cette visite.

Vatican-Kremin. L'ambassadeur soviétique à Rome a confirmé dimanche que Mikhail Gorbatchev rencontrerait Jean-Paul II au Vatican, à l'occasion de sa prochaine visite officielle en Italie au mois de novembre. Cette annonce fait suite au courrier adressé par le numéro un du Kremlini au pape, il y a trois semaines.

"Erreur". La "plus grosse erreur" que Solidarité ait jamais faite est d'avoir accepté le poste de premier ministre dans le nouveau gouvernement polonais, a déclaré lundi soir à la BBC le chef historique du syndicat, Lech Walesa. Expliquant que son mouvement n'était pas "prêt", le leader de Solidanté a estimé que ses amis avaient du accepter "fante de choix" de participer au pouvoir, pour empêcher une reconstitution du monopole du parti commun

92 ans de prison. Un membre de l'Armée républicaine irlandaise a été condamné lundi à 92 ans de prison par la cour d'assises de Belfast. Damien Martin Nicell, 22 ans, avait servi d'éclaireur aux tireurs de l'IRA, qui ont abattu un jeune policier en mars 1981 à Londonderry.

Réfugiés. L'ouverture des frontières occidentales de la Hongrie s'est traduite lundi et mardi par le passage en RFA de plus de 8.000 réfugiés est-allemands. Selon Bonn, qui s'est félicité de l'attitude de Budapest, près de 20.000 autres ressortissants est-allemands sont entrés en Hongrie dans de même temps. Berlin-Est a accusé mardi la RFA de mener une campagne de "calomnie" et la Hongrie de "rupture unilatérale" des accords de contrôle des migrations entre les deux pays.

Trafic. La justice néerlandaise a ordonné lundi l'ouverture d'une enquête sur un trafic de tissus humains entre les Pays-Bas et l'Allemagne Fédérale. Ces tissus, prélevés sur des patients décédés dans des hôpitaux hollandais sans l'autorisation des familles, sont notamment destinés à des opérations de chirurgie esthétique, et achemines par l'intermédiaire d'une société d'appareillage médical, Brown Medical. Le trafic a été découvert début août à la frontière entre les deux pays.

Non conformes. Près de la moitié des médicaments de l'industrie pharmaceutique suisse, troisième exportateur mondial, vendus dans le tiers monde ne sont pas conformes aux exigences cliniques et pharmacologiques, selon l'étude d'un médecin allemand, le docteur Robert Hartog. Certains, selon lui. sont même dangereux. 17% seulement des médicaments helvétiques exportés figurent sur la liste des produits essentiels, établie par l'Organisation mondiale de la

Antisémitisme. Le parquet de Paris a ouvert samedi une enquête judiciaire contre le cinéaste Claude Autant-Lara, pour "complicité d'injures raciales" et "provocation à la haine raciale". Cette décision fait suite aux attaques proférées par l'ex-député du Front national (extrême-droite) contre les juifs et l'ancienne présidente du Parlement de Strasbourg, Simone Veil, dans le magazine "Globe." Les propos d'Autant-Lara (Les juifs, "ethnie politique qui essaie de s'implanter et de dominer"; "Quand on me parle de génocide, je dis, en tout cas, ils ont raté la mère Veil") ont provoqué un tollé d'indignations dans la classe politique française, comme parmi de nombreuses organisations religieuses et humanitaires.

Très cher. Entre 1.500 et 2.300 dollars serait le prix à payer pour... avoir le droit de faire la manche sur les Champs-Elysées. C'est ce qu'a affirmé handi à Paris le "comité de sauvegarde des Champs-Elysées", en denonçant la "cour des miracles" qui menace selon lui le site.

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Arrêt brutal de l'extension du réseau, factures impayées...

Le téléphone jordanien sur le fil

Avec l'abandon du dernier plan quinquennal, le projet d'extension du réseau téléphonique jordanien est passé à la trappe. L'agravation brutale de la crise économique et financière, que traverse le royanme, a sonné le glas des projets de développement de la Telecommunication Corporation (TCC). Un coup dur pour les habitants des quelque 300 villages et petites localités du royanme. qui attendaient avec impatience

leur raccordement.

Révision à la baisse. Touché de plein fouet par la suppression du plan quinquennal 1988/1992, le service des télécommunications jordanien et ses 3.450 salariés ont dh adopter un profil bas. Après six années de développement et de modernisation dn résean téléphonique national, qui permettent aujourd'hui à 250.000 toyers et bureaux de bénéficier de lignes automatiques, la TCC se retronve en état de quasi léthargie.

«Nous prévoyions l'installation de plus de 200.000 nonvelles lignes (1) pour assurer la couverture complète du pays, explique son directeur, Mohammad Shahid Ismail. Elles devaient permettre de supprimer les opérateurs, encore nécessaires dans plus de 300 localités, et de servir enfin autant d'autres villages et petites villes toujours privés de téléphones. Le coup est plutôt dur pour ces derniers, qui devront vraissemblablement patien-ter plus de 5 aus encore avant de sortir de leur isolement.

L'implantation de 14 nouveaux centraix téléphoniques et de 76 «satellites» (relais des centraux), affichée dans le rapport d'activité

1987 de la TCC comme l'un de ses objectifs majeurs à l'anbe des années 1990, restera donc lettre morte. Tout comme le remplacement de l'une des grandes antennes paraboliques de réception satellite dans la plaine de Baqa ou encore la construction d'un nouveau centre de commutations nationales et internationales à

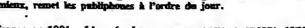
Contrats dénoncés

Difficile à avaler pour la compagnie nationale, l'abandon de ces projets a également affecté les deux grands fournisseurs étrangers d'équipements et de services à la Jordanie: Alcatel, côté français et NEC, côté japonais. D'antant plus, que l'un et l'autre ont déjà construit, au début de la décennie, les 21 centraux numériques et les 58 satellites du réseau automatique du royaume.

A la tête d'un consortium, qui regroupait également TRT e les Câbles de Lyon, Alcatel a été le maître d'oeuvre de la pose des lignes et de tous les raccordements dans la moitié nord du pays, Amman y compris. Un contrat qui représentait 590 millions



ad Shahid Ismail (à gauche), directeur général de la TCC, dont les ambitions ont plus que du mai à survivre à l'austérité économique et qui, fante



de francs en 1981, «L'année dermère, nous avions signé un nonvel accord de gré à gré portant sur la mise en place de 14,000 lignes supplémentaires, rappelle Hervé Guennoc, chargé par Alcatel de l'assistance technique à la TCC. Estimé à 80 millions de francs, ce dernier contrat ne sera pas bonoré.

«En tant qu'organisme d'Etat. nous n'avons pas le choix», com-mente Mobammad Sbabid Ismail. Maigré son statut «commercial» et d'importants bénéfices (2), la TCC n'a plus un sou à investir. «Les profits que nous faisons sont directement versés à la banque centrale. Quant à notre budget, il dépend directement du ministère des Transports et des

Communications, poursuit-il.

Mises à la diète pour cause d'austérité, les télécom jordamiennes tentent néanmoins de convaincre le gouvernement de donner son feu vert à un «plan d'urgence», en cours d'élaboration au siège de la TCC. «Il s'agit ponr nous d'obtenir l'argent nécessaire à l'optimisation de certaines infrastructures déjà en place. C'est le cas de plusieurs centraux et satellites, sur lesquels

nous pouvons encore connecter de nouveaux abonnés», souligne son directeur général.

Un trou de 5 millions

Ces mesures se révèlent d'autant plus indispensables, re-connait-on à la TCC, que les listes d'attente pour obtenir une ligne s'allonge de jour en jour. «Le réseau étant presque totale-ment saturé, certaines demandes d'abonnement peuvent prendre un an, avant d'être satisfaites». avone Mobammad Shahid Ismail. «Il faut souvent attendre la fin d'un abonnement avant de pouvoir brancher un nouveau client, ajoute un technicien.

Un malheur n'arrivant jamais seul, les télécom connaissent d'autres déboires, dont la nette augmentation des factures impayées. Une note, qui selon les rvices du contentieux de la TCC, s'élève aujourd'hui à 5 millions de dinars, «En six mois, nous avons du couper plus de 5.000 bgnes, précise le directeur général, et presque autant le seront prochainement si les abonnés ne s'exécutent pas avant la fin

Malgré de nombreux avertissements, certains d'entre eux auront bien du mal à s'acquitter d'une dette, qui culmine parfois au delà de 3.000 ou 4.000 dinars.

«Les Arabes sont des gens qui aiment parler. Ils restent longtemps au téléphone, même si leur interlocuteur se tronve à l'étranger, ce qui arrive fréquemment. vu le nombre d'expatriés jorda-niens», affirme Mobammad Shahid Ismail. D'autres avancent une explication moins sociologique, comme cet ingénieur de la TCC, selon lequel ce manque à gagner vient d'abord de la «politique laxiste de la compagnie à l'égard des manvais payeurs.»

Une version que le directeur genéral conçoit sans la reconnaître, en indiquant que les télécom ont adopté «récemment» une attitude de fermeté: «désormais, les abonnés ont deux semaines pour payer leur facture. Le premier avertissement se traduit par une interdiction des appels, uniquement. Puis, nous coupons la ligne, avant de rompre le contrat. Enfin. au bont d'un mois, le dossier du client est transmis au ministère des Fi- 1986.

nances, qui se charge des poursuites judiciaires».

Confrontée à un avenir à court terme plutôt sombre, la TCC a décidé de remettre les publipbones à l'ordre du jour. 240 cabines et 180 téléphones à piéces et à cartes magnétiques, offerts par la firme américaine Telematic doivent arriver prochainement à Aqaba. «Ils seront installés dans les rues, dans certains établissements publics ou bôtels d'Amman et de quelques antres villes», promet Mobammad Shabid Îsmaîl. Avec une angoisse à peine feinte: celle de les voir rapidement tomber dans le même état de délabrement que la majorité des 200 publiphones déjà en service dans la capitale et qui coû-tent des dizaines de milliers de dinars par an à une compagnie

Alain Renon-

(1) Le projet, estimé à 100 millions de dinars, avait fait l'objet d'un premier appel d'offre international en février 1988.

exangue.

(2) En 1987, ils dépassaient 20 millions de dinars, contre 18 millions en

Exposition à la Cité des Sciences de Paris

Le mystère des poissons électriques

Une horioge pilotée par les décharges électriques naturelles d'un poisson, un gymnarque du Nil, voilà la pièce la plus étrange de l'exposition «L'Investion du Tempt», que présente la Cité des Sciences et de l'Industrie, à la Villette, depuis le 14 février der-nier. Ce gadget met en évidence les possibilités extraordinaires des est capitale pour comprendre noire propre système nerveux.

Il existe quelque 500 espèces de poissous électriques, la plupart vivant en eau douce. Certains émettent des décharges d'une tension telle (inqu'à 700 volts). qu'ils s'en servent pour électrocuter leurs proies, comme la raietorpille, l'un des rares poissons de mer électriques. D'autres produisent un courant faible, comme celui d'une pile de poche, qu'ils utilisent comme un radar pour s'orienter et percevoir leur environement immédiat.

Les poissons électriques exploitent la propriété de l'eau conductrice du courant. Ils émettent continuellement un courant alternatif ou pulsé, qui leur revient modifié par les obstacles rencontrés et qui les renseigne sur la nature, la position, le déplace-ment et même l'accélération de ces objets. L'émission de courant est d'une telle régularité que l'on peut récupérer cette énergie électrique cadencée, la convertir en secondes et alimenter une horloge. On n'importe quoi d'antre: un oscillographe, une ampoule électrique, un haut-parleur... C'est à ce type d'expérimentation que se livrent les chercheurs de l'Aquarium tropical de Nancy, afin de mieux comprendre l'ex-traordinaire système dont sont équipés les poissons qui vivent dans un monde électrique.

Les organes émetteurs du gymnarque sont constitués de 8 rangées de celhiles, appelées électrocytes, disposées sur les flancs. Chacune émet une centaine de millivolts. Même si ce courant ne sert qu'à la détection, il n'en est pas moins une arme redoutable. En effet, vis-à-vis des poissons non-électriques, ce «radar» leur permet de s'approcher de leurs proies incognito. De plus, entre eux, les poissons électriques n'ont pas besoin de se battre: il leur suffit de brouiller astucieusement le radar de l'adversaire. Un poisson peut choisir la fréquence d'émission d'un congénère, se faire entendre

Pour capter l'information. 100.000 électro-récepteurs tapissent la pean du poisson (situés principalement sur la partie antérieure du corps) et constituent une véritable «rétine» sur laquelle se projette l'image électrique du monde environnant. Le gymnarque peut dèceler à plusieurs métres la présence de sources électriques étrangères et en identifer la nature: partenaires, congénères, rivaux, proies on prédateurs électriques qui échangent ainsi menaces, appels, on... invitations amoureuses. L'interprétation de ces dou-

nées se fait grâce à des systèmes de codage. Systèmes sur lesquels se penchent aujourd'hui les chercheurs. L'étude du gymnarque et de ses congénères a déjà fait faire un grand pas dans la connaissance du système nerveux en général humain y compris. Si les mystères de la réception de l'information par le cerveau et des ordres qu'il donne aux muscles sont un jour élucidés, l'homme le devra à ces étranges poissons.



Le gymmeque du NII est capable de faire fonctionner une horioge, grâce à ses décharges électriques.

This exciting motor sporting event will take place today and Friday, spectators are welcome to come and watch, the best views of the cars can be seen from the following locations:

Thursday, 14th September at 4.00 p.m. from the side of the Queen Alia Airport hihway between the Naur bridge and the underpass in the Amman direction. The rally route is next to the highway. The competing cars will pass twice in numerical order at one minute intervals.

Friday, 15th September, start from the Marriott Hotel at 8.30 a.m. The first high speed section is at the rear of the Amman National Park starting at 9.00 a.m. The best location to see the cars in action is from the side of the airport highway near the Alia Gateway Hotel at the bridge over the wadi and the railway line. Competing cars will pass through the under-bridge five times commencing at 9.26, 10.55. 12.28. 13.57, 15.30 hrs.

The cars will arrive at the Alia Gateway Hotel at approximately 11.10 and 14.15 for repairs and regrouping.

The finish of the event will be at the Marriott Hotel at exactly 6.00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to watch this rally from virtually any location but please keep well back from the sides of the tracks as the cars will be travelling at high speed.

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Mots Croisés

Horizontalement.

1; artisan de la musique. 2: trouvas la mort; a fait du tort. 3: uniquement. 4: forment le squelette; ainés. 5: dans la gamme; voie de communication. 6: épicer: enlever. 7: Institut National de l'Audiovisuel; tachera. 8: sot; pour mieux sauter. 9: saison. 10: primordiaux. (Solution en bas de page)

Verticalement. A: irréalisable. B: pronom person-nel; animal. C: certain; sans relief. D: marque l'excès; forme d'être. E: bruits indistincts; préposition. F: abiment. G: négation; bravo espagnol. H: attache, quand il n'emberlificote pas. I: en tenue d'Adam; précipitera. J: ouvriers.

A L'AFFICHE

CINEMA

The Grape of wrath, de John Ford, avec Henry Fonda, Jane Darwell, John Carradine et Charley Grapewin. Après avoir purgé une peine de pris-on pour meurte, Tom Joad retrouve sa famille, acculée à la famine par une tion que d'abandonner leur terre, les Joad décident d'émigrer vers la Californie avec l'espoir d'y commencer une nouvelle vie... Centre américain, jeudi 14 et dimanche 17 septembre à 1960 (en anglais).

Poussière d'ange. d'Edouard Niermans, avec Bernard Giraudeau et Fabienne Bastien (1987). Série noire (suite). En plus de ses problèmes professionnels, l'inspecteur Blount pateuge dans sa vie privée. En pleine

dérive, il fait la connaissance de Centre culturel français, indi (8 septembre à 28600 (en français, sons-titré en arabe).

Ciné-club. Séances respectivement à 13h00, 15h00, 17h00, 19h00 et 21h00. Jendi 14: Tell them, Willy Boy is here; The mariage of Maria Braum; Lebanon, honey land (libanais); Amadeus. Vendredi 15: Les 55 jours de Pékin; The Hurican; Bank shout; Under fire; Taming

Semedi 16: Major Dundee; Night hoax; They kill horses, don't they; Salvador;

Starman.

Blossoche 17: Caravanes; 48 hours; The heritage; War zone; Near dark.

Landi IB: Lost command; Indiana Jones;

Docteur Justice; Death race 2.000; Night fugitives
Mardl 19: Out of Africa; Three Dam road;
Alien; The chain; Fatal attraction.
Mercredi 20: Missing; Tonaregs; Les trois
Jours du Condor; World, according to Garp.

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CONFERENCE

·Les Nabatéens en Jordanie centrale, autour des fouilles de Tannour et de Dharih. Conférence animée par François Villeneuve, maître de conférence à l'ENS et ancien secrétaire de l'Institut français d'archéologie du Proche-Orient à Amman, de 1983 à Centre culturel français, mercredi 20 sep-

TELEVISION

Mademoiselle Julie, adaptée de l'oeuvre d'August Strindberg par Boris Vian, réalisée par Yves-André Hubert, avec Fanny Ardant, Niels Arestrup et Brigitte Catillon. Jeune aristocrate, mademoiselle Julie invûe son valet à danser (en l'absence de père) et s'offre à lui, mi-impérieuse, mi-conquise. S'engage ensuite un long rapport de force entre Julie et le

JTV, vendredi 15 septembre à 17h30.

Solution des mots croisés

Horizontalement. 1: instrument. 2: mourus; nui. 3: purement. 4: 0s; séniors. 5: ut; rue. 6: saler; oter. 7: INA; salira. 8; bête; élan. 9: été. 10: essentiels.

Verticalement.

A: impossible. B: nous; ane. C: sûr; plates. D: très; été. rumeurs; en. F: usent. G: ni; olé H: entortille. I: nu; ruera. J: tisserands.

Aiming bluntest warning at U.S.

IMF warns anew on debt

WASHINGTON (R) --- World economic growth has proved to be surprisingly strong, but the burden of debt is still crushing many poor countries, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) said in its annual report.

The 151-nation lending agency welcomed the continuation of healthy growth in output and nt in the industrial world and said developing nations as a group enjoyed one of their thest growth rates in a decade in 1988

But the IMF, which oversees the world economy, warned that the enrrent prosperity is threatened on a number of fronts and said governments must coordinate their policies better.

The report was originally scheduled to be released Wednesday. How to sustain economic growth and ease the burden of Third World debt will be major topics when thousands of officials and bankers gather here next

week for the annual meetings of

LONDON (R) — Iraq has told Italy's Banca Nazionale Del

Lavoro (BNL), at the centre of a scandal over its Iraq exposure,

that it must pay out all outstand-

ing credits promised to Baghdad, the Financial Times newspaper

In an interview in the newspaper's Wednesday edition, Iraqi Fi-

nance Minister Hikmat Omar Mukheilif would not put a figure

on the outstanding credit but said the money should be paid "where

we need it and when we need it."

He added: "There is still a

certain amount of money not yet

used. We want it to be com-

pleted... we already have a con-

tract and we are up to our com-

The president and director-

general of the state-owned BNL

resigned last week after the bank disclosed that its branch in Atlan-

ta, Georgia, had extended \$1.72

billion of moauthorised export

credits to Iraq, with a further

\$920 million of uncompleted

financing in the pipeline.

Mukheilif suggested in the interview that the credits consti-

tuted a normal business transac-

tion in which Iraq was prepared

to honour its side of the bargain if

BNL did the same.

reported.

mitments.

Baghdad presses BNL

the IMF and its sister agency, the World Bank.

As in the past, the fund aimed its bluntest warning at the United States, whose massive trade deficit remains a major source of vulnerability in the agency's view.

Repeating advice that has become conventional wisdom, the fund said the best way to reduce the trade deficit was to close the government's budget gap, which would allow resources to be channelled into exports without adding to inflation or crowding out investment.

A further drop in the dollar would help to narrow the trade gap by making U.S. exports aper overseas. But because American factories are already working flat out, such a move

now would merely fuel inflation, the IMF believes.

"While external adjustment may include further changes in real exchange rates over time, it the board's view that such changes need to be accompanied by the implementation of appropriate fiscal and structural polices," the report said.

As well as the need for "urgent and forceful" action to reduce the budget difficit, the IMF said measures might also be needed to end the U.S. tax code's bias against private saving.

The IMF had kinder words for Japan than it had for the United States. It commended the authorities' handling of the budget and said the scope for unilateral financial action by Tokyo to reduce its external surplus was li-

West Germany, the IMF said, must act more boldly to free its goods and labour markets. "Progress in relaxing structural rigidities has been limited... action ou deregulation has been slow and disincentives in some critical sectors continue to hamper economic activity," the IMF complained.

The strong growth in the Third World was mainly due to a buoyant export performance by thriving Asian economies, the

In many other countries, the outlook is still bleak. "The financial position of many of the debtproblem countries remains extremely vulnerable," the report

Foreign debt owed by developing countries fell slightly in 1988 to \$1,197 billion from \$1,200 billion in 1987, and the size of the debt in relation to exports - a useful gauge of the severity of the debt burden — also shrank. Further improvements are like-

ly this year, but the IMF warned: The debt burden nonetheless remains particularly onerous for the heavily indebted middle-income countries and low-income sub-Saharan African nations."

India opens its show window in Marj Al Hamam today

By Ghadeer Taher Jordan Times Staff Writer

AMMAN — An exclusive Indian trade exhibition opens today, Thursday, at the Amman International Fair Centre at Marj Al Hamam with the aim of far liarising Jordanians with Indian products and technology with a view to increase Indo-Jordanian trade and launch joint industrial

The seven-dny exhibition brings together about 50 Indian manufacturers and exporters, offering products and technology ranging from fruit pulp and jewelry to tractors and tyre retreading

According to Indian officials the main objectives of the exhibition, scheduled to be opened by Finance Minister Basil Jardaneh. are three-fold; to project India's industrial and technological capa-

bilities; to identify specific trade opportunities, and to explore possibilities of technical colaboration in the form of joint

"The exhibition will give Jordaniaus a good overview of modern, industrial India," V.D.N. Rao, general manager of the Trade Fair Authority of India (TFAI) and director of the exhibition, said at a press conference Wednesday.

The Indian ambassador to Jordan, Gajendra Singh, stressed that the close political relationship between India and Jor-dan had not been reflected in economic relations. "Jordan and India are very close politically, but they have not developed their economic relations to the same positive extent," the ambassador said at the press conference.

The exhibition is of special significance to India because of

climate change and growing con-tribution to global emissions of

greenhouse gases place great urgency on the need for expe-

dient and effective responses,"

The 60 officials and specialists

participating in the conference.

part of a new Japanese environ-

mental initiative, are expected to release a set of recommendations

for combatting global warming and protecting the environment

in developing nations.

Likely to be included are calls

for energy conservation, pre-

servation of tropical forests and

use of natural gas instead of more

change will be determined by

"The rate of future climate

polluting coal or oil.

Tirpak said.



Indian Ambassador Gajendra Singh (right) and Indian Trade Exhibition Director V.D.N. Rao attend a press conference Wednesday (phote by Nayef Tarawneh)

the yawning balance of trade in favour of Jordan. The trade deficit between the two was \$116 million in favour of Jordan in 1988, and it is expected to groweven more this year since India plans to buy Jordanian phosphates and related products. worth \$150 million to \$170 mil-

Amman and New Delhi have reached several agreements to address the imbalance; and the Amman exhibition is seen as one of the mechanisms to implement these accords through informing the Jordanian private sector of what India can offer in terms of technology as well as finished products.

On the sidelines of the exhibition discussions will be held between Jordanian and Indian businessmen, officials and tech-

nical experts. A seminar will be held Thursday on "Jordan-India Trade and Economic Cooperation" to highlight to Jordanian businessmen and industrialists the potential projects and products which could be of use in the Kingdom. A technical symposium on telecommunication technology is scheduled to be held on Sept. 16. Both events will be held at the exhibition site.

India is hoping to secure a railway contract from Jordan and to lanneh a joint venture "maintenance facility" for telecommunications equipment. No specific figures are available on the proposed projects.

The exhibition is open to business visitors between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and to the general public

ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

Libya to give oil to Sudan monthly

KHARTOUM (AP) - A cabinet minister said that Libya will provide Sudan with 100,000 tons of oil products monthly for an unspecified period, the official Sudan News Agency (SUNA) reported. Information Minister Ali Shummu did not say whether the oil supply will be a grant or a loan. He spoke after a cabinet meeting and said the Sudanese leader had told the ministers that Sudan and Libya had agreed to "reactivate their bilateral agreements." He did not elaborate. Shummu did not say for how long the Libyan oil supply to Sudan would continue.

British interest rates to remain high

LONDON (R) - Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has said British interest rates would stay high until the government had beaten the "cancer" of inflation. "Until we have got inflation down, interest rates will have to be high. We have to look at the lesser of two evils and inflation would be the worse of those two evils," Thatcher said. "We have to tackle that problem and tackle it we will but until then interest rates will not come down." She said inflation "will grow like a cancer and we will be in real difficulties" unless the government acted to reduce it.

Lufthansa tests smoking

beginning a broadly based experiment to test the feasibility of banning smoking altogether on airline flights. The tests — from Oct. 1 to March 31 - will be conducted on the Dusseldorf-Stuttgart and Nuremberg-Col-

On these flights, the no-smok-ing sign will not be extinguished: cabin crew will request passengers not to light up and also hand out questionnaires, giving them the opportunity voice their views on whether smoking should be taboo on future Lnfthansa

domestic flights. Back in April 1987, the ratio of

AMMAN (J.T.) — Lufthansa is smoker to non-smoker seats in all aircraft was drastically changed: From 50 to 50 to 70 to 30 in. favour of the non-smokers. The change was prompted by customer wishes, since a poll had shown that non-smokers make up 70 per'

cent of our major target groups.

Since then, the number has risen further, so that 66 per cent of passengers are now prepared to accept non-smoker figihts on short routes. That demand for smoke-free air in the aircraft cabin is growing, is also substantiated by a survey carried out by the business magazine "Capital" Half the respondents in the poll supported a general ban on

Global warming may hit Asia hardest

"We are according to schedule in payment," he said. "We hope there are no problems." He gave no indication what Baghdad intended to do if BNL, Italy's largest commercial bank, did not pay out the remaining credit. areas, environmental experts said Press reports in London and

Italy have suggested that part of Specialists at a three-day conthe credits were used to finance the purchase of military equip-The Financial Times said Mukheilif sidestepped this issue, saying most of it was being used for agricultural or civilian projects such as power stations. in a separate front-page story,

ish government officials as saying Iraq had established an extensive network throughout Europe to acquire militarily useful equip-It said the network is believed to cover countries such as Spain,

France, Britain, West Germany The newspaper quoted the officials as saying the believed that more than 20 companies sold "dual use" equipment to Iraq, apparently for civilian use but with military applications, part of which it said was procured with BNL financing.

the Financial Times quoted Brit-

poorest countries are likely to be hit particularly hard by rising global temperatures, which may destroy traditional crops, breed tropical diseases and flood coastal

ference ou the world's environment, sponsored by the Japanese government, said low-lying coun-tries like Bangladesh could lose up to 20 per cent of their land area in the next century because of rising ocean levels caused by melting polar ice. Thousands of Pacific islands could completely disappear, they said.

Scientists have predicted the earth will warm gradually over coming decades because of a build-up of man-made gases in the atmosphere that prevent heat from escaping, called the "green-house effect."

Dennis Tirpak, director of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Global Climate Change Division, said temperatures are likely to increase by 1.5-4.5 de-grees C (3-8 F), and ocean levels to rise by 0.5-2.0 metres (1.5-6.5

minister, accelerating a deregula-

tion campaign, will propose a law

next month to remove all remain-

ing controls on the petroleum market, his aides said Tuesday.

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This rubber workout suit is great

for exercise class! I can hide 20 candy bars in one of

these babies!"

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

feet) if current emissions of "greenhouse" gases continue through the next century.

The gases, primarily carbon dioxide, methane and chlorofhorocarbons, are created by the burning of fossil fuels and industrial and agricultural processes.

"The limited financial resources of developing countries in Asia and the greater dependency of many of these countries on natural resource production make them especially vulnerable to the impacts of global warming," Tirpak said.
In addition, the environment in

many developing countries may be particularly sensitive to climatic changes because of previous damage from rapid population growth and deforestation, he If current trends continue, global warming will be "more

extreme than anything which has occurred during the period of written history," warned Irving Mintzer of the University of Maryland's Centre for Global

panies now dominate the Israeli

By Harris

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"The stresses which would re- population density and worsening" sult from such a rapid climate air quality, Tirpak said.

Asia currently accounts for abchange threaten to underwine the stability of modern civilisation,' out 25 per cent of world emissions of the gases responsible for global warming, he said.
"Asia's high vulnerability to

Tirpak and rising temperatures could endanger food production and economic growth in developing Asian nations, where agriculture contributes up to 80 per cent of income and employment

The sensitivity of rice, Asia's staple food, to high temperatures, and widespread farming of marginal lands make the region particularly vulnerable to soaring temperatures, he said.

Rising temperatures also could worsen droughts in India and other nations and cover portions of India's western coast, Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia and Maldives with sea water, officials

"The homes and lives of millions of people living in the deltas of the Ganges, the Nile, the Mekong, the Yangtze and the Mississipi could be at risk," Mint-

Health conditions also may worsen because of an expansion of tropical diseases, increases in

policy choices and investment decisions made during the next decade," Mintzer said. "The world's climate is going to change. The questions are when and by how much."

Israel pushes for free oil markets TEL AVIV (R) - Israel's energy

AMMAN EXCHANGE RATES Wednesday, September 13, Central Bank official rates Japanese yea (for 100) Dutch guilder Swedish crown Italian liza (for 100) Belgian franc (for 10) 414.2 272.2 91.2 42.9 146.6 954.1 309.8 359.2

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Wednesday.

One Sterling U.S. dollars Canadian dollar One U.S. dollar 1.1850/60 **Deutschemarks** 1.9803/10 Dutch guilders 2.2308/15 1.7075/85 Swiss francs 41.40/43 Belgian francs French francs 6.6700/50 1418/1419 Italian lire 146.70/80 Japanese yen 5.6650/700 Swedish crowns 7.2000/50 Norwegian crowns .6825/75 One ounce of gold 358.75/359.25 U.S. dollars

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

Reuters

SYDNEY - A slide in the future market pulled the all-ordinaries index down another 7.1 points to 1,734.2.

TOKYO — The approach of n long weekend and uncertainty about U.S. economic indicators due Friday dragged the Nikkei index 45.94 points lower to 34, 286.94.

HONG KONG — The Hang Seng index fell 18.01 points to 2,592.14, closing at the day's low. "dismissal of the governor in China's southern province of Hainan has offered an additional excuse for selling ahead of the weekend," a broker said. SINGAPORE — The straits times industrial index gained 7.1 points to 1,420.52, n post-crash high. The broader market was

mixed with 117 winners outnumbering 106 losers. **BOMBAY** — Shares recovered to finish mixed on heavy buying by state-owned investment trusts after drifting lower in earlier

FRANKFURT — West German shares closed lower in moderately active trading with prices depressed by continued declines on the domestic bond market. The dax index fell 16.24., or one per

PARIS — French share prices ended firmer after a quiet session as trading focused on isolated stocks. The 50-share price indicator ended 0.23 per cent up.

LONDON — Share prices reversed early weakness and firmed in moderately active business. At 1509 GMT the FTSE index was up 3.5 points at 2,401.1.

NEW YORK - Wall Street stocks generally were higher over a harrow range, but blue chips gave up small early gains and headed lower. The dow was off about one point at 2,706 after rising to 2,713 on light buying.

"As more companies enter the tion, the sale of all state-owned market there will be more cominterests and even legislation to petition, better service," said an keep reform on track. aide to Energy Minister Moshe Shahal has so far deregulated 30 per cent of the 8.5 million The proposed law would end tonne annual Israeli petroleum government regulation of imports of oil and crude oil prices. Three market, despite strong opposition

from the companies that had government-supervised commonopolised it.

The reforms are part of a drive led by Finance Minister Shimon An analysis of the current sys-Peres to carve a market economy out of n socialist-oriented one tem last week by U.S. consultant Kidder Peabody urged blanket that has grown stagnant, wasteful and bureaucratic. reform - full market deregula-The three oil companies, Paz, Delek and Sonol, netted \$100 million in profits last year before being forced to share a third of

the market with four new com-Zeev Refua, director of the government corporation authority that supervises government-

owned companies, told Reuters: "In my opinion the petrol companies make too much money. And the refineries have no incen-

tive at this point to run more efficiently, because they are all run on a cost-plus basis." Under the new law, all com-

panies will be free to import their own petroleum and the government will put its majority stake in a \$350 million refinery on the auction block. Peres threw his weight behind

full petroleum deregulation after a meeting with Kidder Peabody analysts last week. Their report said it would save Israel \$70 million to \$120 million. Israel imports all its oil - half

from Egypt and the rest from Norway, Mexico and the European spot market. The government is also moving

The state's 82.4 per cent stake in JEC, which builds industrial sites, will be sold to the New York-based Bear Stearns Bank.

toward deregulation and priva-tisation in sectors such as health and transportation. ogne routes. A parliamentary committee Monday approved the sale of state-owned Jernsalem Economic Corp. (JEC) to an American investment bank in the second major deal of Israel's privatisation

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THINGS?

Liverpool scores 9 in English League

LIVERPOOL, England (AP) — Liverpool swept to the top of the English first division on goal difference Tuesday, destroying new-comer Crystal Palace 9-0, the London club's worst league defeat in its history.

Playing at the peak of their form, their form, Kenny Dalg-

lish's "Reds" gave promoted Palace a lesson in finishing, starting with Steve Nicol's seventhminute goal.

Steve McMahon and Ian Rush made it 3-0 at halftime but six more goals hit the back of the Palace net after the break.

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BY CHARLES GOREN

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Just because a finesse is available

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might be the best play you have, but

try to get all the information you

North's three-spade rebid was a

cue-bid in support of hearts. After two more cue-bids, South used the

Opening lead: Jack of *

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FINESSE, OR NOT? Both vulnerable. North deals. whether North held the missing top

NORTH trump honors. He did. AA4 Declarer won the first trick in dummy then tested trumps by cash-0 K 3 2 ing the ace-king. Next came the king of clubs and a club ruff, fol-4 AKJ 10 6 lowed by the king of spades and a spade ruff, on which East discarded a diamond. A club was ruffed high 4 J 10 9 8 6 2 ★ Q 7 ♥ 9 5 4 ♥ 7 6 as West discarded a spade, and the **♦ Q9842** last trump was drawn, on which SOUTH East and dummy both parted with a **4 K 5 3**♥ Q 10 8 3 2
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Declarer crossed to dummy with the king of diamonds and in a futile attempt to drop the queen, cashed the ace of clubs, discarding a dismond from hand as West shiffed a spade. Everyone was now down to two cards, declarer's being the acejack of diamonds. When he led a diamond from dummy, East pro-duced the ten. Should declarer finesse or not, and why?

If you have been following the play, you should have no trouble getting this one right. East's last card is known to be the queen of linbs, while West has 2 spade and the last diamond, the queen. So go up with the ace of diamonds, drop queen and claim your grand dam, Easy, isn't it.

EUROPEAN SOCCER

Maradona plans short Napoli return

to start running again and maybe

I'll be able to play again in a month's time," said van Basten,

who recently underwent a cartil-

age operation.

In Spain the main preoccupation of league champions Real

Madrid this week has been

Newspapers reported a dis-

agreement between chib presi-

dent Ramon Mendoza and

Mendoza said Michel, who has

muscle injury on the sole of his

left foot, was going to have an operation but Michel retorted it

was his foot and he did not want

surgery.

He said he felt he was recover-

ing without it.

The other focus of attention

has been Liverpool's John

Aldridge, due to sign for Real Sociedad for around \$1.4 million

on a three-year contract worth about \$240,000 a year to the

Michel Gonzalez's foot.

icans, including the recalcitrant Diego Maradona, all present for the opening of their defence of the UEFA Cup against Sporting Lisbon on Thursday — at least for part of the match.

Back in training after settling his long-distance month-long fend with the club, Maradona has travelled to Portugal and is eager to join Brazilians Careca and Alemao on the field.

But his presence may fairly short duration. "Reason tells me that it would

MILAN (R) — Napoli look set to be better not to play. But I know opening European encounter have their trio of South Ameritant that the desire to get back on the with HJK Helsinki, van Basten that the desire to get back on the field will prevail — who knows, returned from the Netherlands this week and said he hoped to maybe for 20 or 30 minutes," the Argentine World Cup captain play again in a month. On Monday I should be able

> "But the fans can be sure of one thing. Maradona, number one in the world, will be back." European cup holders AC Milan are far less fortunate, although they have had some promising news from one half of their injured Dutch due of Rund Gullit and Marco van Basten.

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GENERAL TENDENCIES: Despite a number of exasperating conditions thwarting your forward momentum you will have the opportunity, through your own perseverance, to succeed on a large scale under today's positive

ARRES: It necessary to retrace steps in your daily routines that require further revision. Put more chann in your business so better results can be obtained.

TAURUS: You can now go forward by clearing up obligations that have been on hold. Go with family members to outside places of recreation that are to be elimin-

GEMINI: You find some information obtained to do a better job does not work so eliminate it. Your family will join you in settling whatever promises you have made regarding dwellings.

MOON CHILDREN: You can put the finishing touches on a business proposition in which an expert will join. Your family and you will have a good time outside the doors of

LEO: Encourage friends to go out with you socially who will cooper-ate with your wishes. In any money matters be sure you operate with anyone else who is involved.

VIRGO: Put off inviting associates into your home until a more conve-nient moment. You need to make sure you know any expenses before, going along with a fussy friend. LIBRA: You certainly need to avoid quick or impulsive decisions

interested friend to find out the actual cost of amusements that

in business or finances. Go with an

SCORPIO: Many friends who have wishes different from your own should be captured to now. Put off anges until they clarify

SAGITTARIUS: Look for some cooperative friends who are in a position on power or authority. This is the time to put into motion long desired ambitions at your

up to make those changes at your dwelling. Don't let a practical problem bring a sticky situation etween you and a good friend. AOUARIUS: At last an expert aware of your needs for some data will release it to you. Entertain persons in your home who at one time or another have rendered you

CAPRICORN: The time is not yet

PISCES: Greet friends from a distance warmly but don't break up your own routine. Now you can invite charming partners into your home for a happy time.

Today's child: If your child were born today he or she will be full of affection and bring much joy and happiness to those around them. This progeny will enjoy a fine education and will become successful and independent early in life. Over working may be a problem if it isn't controlled.

"The stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you.



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AMMAN (J.T.) — Entries for the BP Trophy 200 Raid four-wheel drive rally have been arriving at the Royal Automobile Club headquarters in encouraging numbers. So far the club has received confirmed entries for the event from Saudi Arabia, Lebenson Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain and Duhai. There are also 12 entries from Jordan, prominent among them is Sharif Hussein Ibn Nasser.
Several of our leading raily drivers such as Haitham Al Musti, Isaa
Haishi and others will be taking part in this challenging event.

Competitors line-up for

Only off road four-wheel-drive vehicles are eligible for this tough rally and all the leading makes are represented including Range Rover, Toyota, Nissan, Mitsubishi and Daihatsu.

The route has been chosen so as to provide a combination of desert conditions ranging from fast open terrain to hilly rough mountain tracks and even some parts through and over deep wadis. There are four selective sections where competitors are required to cover the route in the minimum possible time. These are each used four times which minimises time needed for practice and allows spectators several opportunities to see the competers without the need to move from the better vantage points. A prologue maximum speed stage will be run on Thursday afternoon, at 4.00 p.m. This will decide the starting order for the raid the following day. This prologue will be an ideal opportunity for spectators to see all the cars in action, the route is at the edge of one of the main highways on the outskirts of Amman so it makes an

Four-wheel-drive motor sport over rough terrain is a rapidly growing from of competition, it is both exciting and "demands skill on the part of the drivers and co-drivers while not needing expensive preparation of the vehicles themselves in order to be competitive. There are classes and groups for basic standard types of vehicle as well as for those which have been modified to provide better performance."

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FRIDAY'S RACES AT THE ROYAL RACING CLUB-TUNEIB

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FIRST RACE 4.00 FOR BEGINNER HORSES **DISTANCE 1400 METRES**

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5- Mohammad Salman Nabotsy	Sabah	Owner	Kasim	54.5
8- Mohammad Salman Jbarat	J. Faiez	Owner	Jbarat	54.5
7- Dr. A. El Nacem A. Wandy	S. Maeen	Owner	Ahmed	53
8- Mishal Mitleb El Falaz	Hansa	Owner	Saad	51.5
9- Lorance & Tharnir El Hadeed	Safah	Owner		50
10. Dr A FI Nagem A Wandy	S. Magen	Owner		50

SECOND RACE 4.30 FOR BEGINNER HORSES **DISTANCE 1000 METRES** Owner Horse

Trainer Jockey Weight 1- Mashour Faisel A. Jnaib Yousel Mouse Mostala 53 54.5 2- Mashhour Falsal A. Jnaib Owner 3- Faied Lazzam El Neel Jamilih 54.5 51.5 Ghazallh 4- Khalid Nazeeh El Abid Jamal Hiary Saad 5- Nimir El Hmoud 8- Nimir El Hmoud Rida Abbas 50 51.5 7- H.H. Late Sherif Nasir Stable Waleah Zaidan George 8- Nawat Anwar El Shalan Sakir Fahad Lawansih Owner 50 Atieh Tilmizih 48.5 10- Ghallb Haddadin 11. Samy Haddadin

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FOURTH RACE 5.30 FOR THIRD CLASS HORSES **DISTANCE 1000 METRES**

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2- Ghalib Haddadin ·	Tamouti	Owner	Selemih	57	
3- Ibrahim Hany Baharat	Shally	Khaireldin	Salah	57	
4- Nala Wasti Baharat	Wardan	Khaireldin	Jamai	58	
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S. Africans stage first legal rally since '86

CAPE TOWN (R) — Thousands of people singing freedom songs, daneing and waving posters saying "Stop killing our children" gathered in central Cape Town Wednesday for a protest unprecedented in recent years.

Disciplined crowds of anti-apartheid activists assembled for a march from Archbishop Desmond Tutu's Anglican cathedral after acting President F.W. de Klerk agreed in a dramatic climbdown Tuesday to tolerate the

Police kept a low profile as the crowds gathered for the protest against police brutality. Normally all forms of outdoor demonstrations are banned under threeyear-old emergency laws.

"It's unbelievable. I've never seen anything like this, said one white onlooker.

De Klerk, who is virtually certain to be confirmed as president Thursday, said after mediation by White Dutch Reformed Church leader Johan Heyns: "The gov-ernment has no objection to peaceful and orderly protest." Tutu, World Reformed Churches leader Allan Boesak, newlyelected white Mayor Gordon Oliver and John Drake, manag-

South Africa. Tuto said in a letter urging Cape Town residents to join the march that it was against the police killing of 23 people during protests last week against parhamentary elections that excluded the four-to-one black

We are proud of the unprecedented outcry from ordinary Capetonians at the response of the police to peaceful protest,'

The march was the first officially sanctioned by the government since emergency rule was im-posed in June 1986 to crush a black uprising that claimed over 2.500 lives.

Police have used sbotguns, whips, dogs and teargas to break up a series of gatherings in the past six weeks, mostly in and



Reverend Allan Boesak, comforts the mothers of two teen-agers sizin Wednesday during national elections, from which blacks were excluded

around Cape Town, under the banner of a national apartheid defiance campaign.

Tutu has been arrested twice in the past month for attempting to march from his church and others held bave included his wife, Leah, Boesak and prominent

Activist sources say over 1,000 people have been arrested and

bundreds burt in anti-election protests and police action against the defiance campaign that targeted white-only schools, hospitals, beaches and buses.

People alleged to have been killed by police last week in-cluded a baby, children aged three and five, a heavily pregnant 16-year-old and a 13-year-old pa-

Fourie vowed earlier this week to halt the march despite the proposed participation of Mayor Oliver and about half the city council, but de Klerk reversed his decision on Tuesday.

Cape Town police chief Flip

to the peaceful nature of the planned proceedings," he said.

The government has received definite assurances from the orgamisers of the march... with regard

Communist Party's parliamentary leader, pledged the party's loyal

Mazowiecki Tuesday outlined a programme of Western-style reforms to parliament, which swore in his 23-member coalition cabinet. It was the first formal break with Communist rule in Eastern Europe for more than 40 as their own.

Mazowiecki vows

to change Poland

Mazowiecki, 62, said Poles would find the reforms tough but Mazowiecki's programme included sweeping privatisation, the creation of a stock exchange, there was no other way out of economic catastrophe. He had interrupted his speech after nearly fainting from exhaustion after mouths of hard bargaining over forming a government.

"We are faced with the historic task of a major economic and political about-turn amid the most extremely difficult circumstances," Mazowiecki, an adviser to the once-banned Solidarity trade union, told parliament. "All this cannot be achieved

Thais pursue peace

without the prospect of bankruptcy and nnemployment... but no other variant is possible," he

pledged that the new Solidarity-

dominated government will trans-

form Poland; after ending 45

years of Communist rule.

Parliament overwhelmingly approved Mazowiecki's programme and his cabinet of 11 Solidarity members, four Communists, one independent and seven members of two minority parties. The

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) —

Thailand will continue its Cambo-

dian peace initiative as Vietnam

prepares to withdraw its troops

from that country next week,

despite a cool response so far from guerrilla leaders, reports said Wednesday.

Prime Minister Chatichai

Choonhavan, eager to arrange a

cease-fire between warring Cambodian factions, has met this

week with leaders of the guerrilla opposition and Thai officials have

said he will soon meet Phnom Penh premier Hun Sen in

Bangkok.
Khmer Rouge leader Khieu
Samphan, who heads the largest
gnerrilla faction, flatly rejected

Chatichai's cease-fire call during

talks Tuesday, a Bangkok daily,

The paper quoted a prepared statement that said the Khmer

Rouge would not agree unless a

United Nations mechanism

would monitor the Vietnamese

Khien Samphan after Tuesday's

meeting, also said the Viet-

namese-backed government in

Phnom Penh must be replaced by

The Nation, reported.

troop withdrawal.

vote was 402 for, none against

WARSAW (R) — Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki has and 13 abstentions. Marian Orzechowski, the

> ty to the new governm In the northern city of Gdansk, where the independent union was born in 1980, Solidarity leader Lech Walesa said in a statement: "For the first time in half a century Poland has a government that millions of Poles can accept

the lifting of price controls and imposition of tight money policies that would close inefficient factories and lead to unemployment. Mazowiecki vowed to cut infla-

tion, which he said threatened to reach 4,000 per cent annually if nothing was done, and called for foreign aid to ease the \$39-billion foreign debt.

He also pledged to cut the budget deficit of three trillion zlotys (\$3 billion), reduce subsidies, curb investment projects and head towards a convertible currency.

Despite the general tone of austerity, Mazowiecki said the government would carry out emergency measures to improve housing and the health service in order to prevent what he called an exodus of young people

Vietnam invaded Cambodia in

1978 and ousted the nitra-leftist

Khmer Rouge, blamed for the

deaths of hundreds of thousands

of people in their bid to transform

strongest of three guerrilla fac-tions fighting the Vietnamese-

installed government from bases on the Thai border.

Chatichai met with non-Com-

munist leaders Prince Norodom

Ranariddh and Son Sann Mon-

day. The non-Communist guerril-

la groups allied with the Khmer

Rouge also responded coolly to Chatichai's initiatives, The Na-

The newspaper quoted Krisak Choonhavan, Chatichai's son and one of his advisers, as saying the

prime minister would continue

efforts to break the deadlock and

go ahead with his plan to meet

tinued endless war in Cambodia

the burden, including not only

criticism but direct impact from

the fighting," Krisak told the

that he had joined the legal poli-

tical wing of SWAPO, the hlack-

dominated Namibian independ-

ence movement that waged a

23-year bush war against South

Africa said Lubowski was a friend

of British diplomats and "he would

have had an important role to

play in an independent

cial spokesman for SWAPO and

was a member of its election

directorate, which was overseeing

the campaign. SWAPO is

favoured to win the most votes,

although it needs a two-thirds

majority to gain full control over

the drafting of a constitution.

Lubowski served as an unoffi-

The British embassy in South

"Thailand cannot accept a con-

The Khmer Rouge is the

Cambodian society.

tion said.

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paper.

Pacino returns to public view

NEW YORK (AP) - Actor Al Pacino is returning to public view after a long hiatus. The star of the two "Godfather" films and "Dog Day Afternoon" says in Vanity Fair magazine's October issue that he spent much of the past six years in dark glasses, false mous-taches and disguised stage roles.
Out of sight since filming "Scarface" in 1983, Pacino stars in the npcoming romantic thriller, "Sea of love," with Ellen Barkin, and plays a surprisingly lighthearted cameo as the bad guy in Warren Beatty's "Dick Tracy." He also has agreed to play Michael Corleone for the third time after director Francis Ford Coppola said he had come up with a new concept for the third "Godfather" film. Diane Keaton, with whom Pacino has had a relationship for several years, again will play Corleone's estranged wife. Pacino, 49, said he relished his time in disguise. "There's feeling that you experience when you put on glasses and a moustache and you blend in," he told the magazine. "I felt so free. I was excited."

Teddy bears travel with soldiers

EL PASO, (AP) - When the going gets rough on a rafting trip down the Rio Grande, 27 British soldiers will have something familiar to fall back on — their teddy bear. Paddington Bear, the well-travelled teddy bear found at Paddington station in England in the children's books of the 1960s and 1970s, was front and center in a bive duffle coat and red hat and boots when the soldiers from the 45th field regiment of the royal artillery began paddling the river Monday. "He's going to travel the full length of the Rio Grande, as far as it is navigable," said heutenant Simon Crane, the team leader from Oxford, England. The 1,770-kilometres trip is part of a yearly ritual of adventurous training for British army soldiers. The rafting trip, financed in part by private donations, is expected to raise about \$27,000 for Action Research for Crippled Children, an organisation that discovered a serum for rubella and developed the sonogram, said helmsman Sergeant Boh Lloyd. The charity uses Paddington bear, created by author Michael Bond, as its

Fly-by turns fly-behind

cent of the fuel.

SEATTLE (AP) — What was supposed to have been a fly-by of the new boeing 737-500 for its customers turned into a fly-behind. The new jet, flanked in tight formation by a 737-300 and a 737-400, was scheduled Monday to fly in front of the guests waiting at the Museum of Flight at Boeing field. But the jets flew over the building and behind the spectators. "I'm not sure what happened," said Dick Schlem, a Boeing commercial airplanes spokesman. "I think the pilots of the planes believed they were to fly over the building and not over the runway." Some guests did catch a glimpse of the formation, although the sun was directly overhead at the time, Schleb said. Some people saw most of the first plane, half of the second and none of the third," he said with a laugh. The guests included officials of major customers for the 737-500, including Sontbwest Airlines, Braathens, Euralair and Maersk. The 737-500, Boeing's smallest commercial jet, was first flown June 30 and is aimed at the same market as the 737-200, which first flew in 1967 and ended production in 1988. The 500series planes, which sell for \$24 million each, carry about the same number of passengers as the 200 series, but can save 20 per

Global weather

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BUENOS AIRES	10	50	19	66	Clear	
CAIRO	24	75	37	99	Clear	
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ISTANBUL	20	68	27	81	Cloudy	
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PARIS	15	19	25	77	Cloudy	
ROME	16	80	24		Cloudy	
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TOKYO.:	24	75	31	88	Clear	
VIENNA	14	57	23	76	Clear	

Bomb explodes as Sri Lankan talks begin

COLOMBO (AP) — A bomb exploded in a parked car in downtown Colombo Wednesday shortly before the start of a peace conference aimed at negotiating an end to ethnic violence that has killed more than 16,000 people.

No group claimed responsibility for the blast, which occurred in a lot near the central telegraph office about 45 minutes before the conference opened but caused little damage and no casualties.

Police blamed the People's Liberation Front, a militant Sinhalese group trying to over-

urges Bush

ence in Soviet domestie affairs.

nutes on the third day of his

eight-day U.S. tour. He later met

Secretary of States James Baker

After the meeting with Baker,

Yeltsin said, "in my discussion with the president... today I

made a list of 10 issues which

could be discussed between us

which would serve to rescue

He did not answer questions on

the substance of the 10 issues, but

the State Department said Yelt-

sin told Baker the kinds of

changes needed to help peres-

troika included acceptance of pri-

vate property, movement to-

wards a mixed economy and need

for external investment in the

play down the meeting between

the president and Yeltsin, a poli-

tical maverick who has said Gor-

bachev has six months to a year to

positive relationship with Gener-

al Secretary Gorbachev and

reiterated his support for peres-

troika," the White House said in

a statement. "The president emphasised that the American

people share his hope for the

necess of the reform movement

"The president noted his very

make his reforms work.

The White House sought to

and congressional leaders.

perestroika."

Soviet Union.

Yeltsin met Bush for 15 mi-

Yeltsin

throw the country's Sinhalesedominated government because of its attempts to negotiate peace

with minority Tamil rebels. Front members hoycotted Wednesday's peace conference, called by President Ranasinghe Premadasa for all political parties to try to resolve six years of violence in this Indian ocean island nation, said a government spokesman, who asked not to be identified.

According to the spokesman, 69 delegates from 21 of the country's 27 recognised political parties attended the conference

under tight security!
Five of the parties have proposed the formation of a provisional government, fresh elections, scrapping of the presidency and a return to a British-style par-

liamentary system. Premadasa has said he would consider proposals made by all parties to restore peace to the island, crippled by fear as the wave of killings by rebels, security forces and pro-government vigilante groups continues. The fighting began in 1983

when Tamil guerrillas began their

make up 75 per cent of the population and dominate the government and military. Premadasa's predecessor, for-

mer President Junius Jayewardene, attempted to end the insurgency in July 1987 by signing a peace accord that offered the Tamils limited antonomy if they would put down their weapons. Jayewardene also invited war for a separate homeland in peacekeeping forces from neigh-

Lanka's 16 million people and

claim they are denied jobs and

education by the Sinhalese, who

bouring India to supervise the northern and eastern Sri Lanka. arms' surrender. Tamils make up 18 per cent of Sri

But the largest and most militant Tamil rebel group, the Li-beration Tigers of Tamil Eelam, rejected the accord and turned their guns on the Indian soldiers.

The Tamil insurgency bas cisimed more than 11,000 lives, including 1,000 Indian soldiers. The accord also triggered a backlash by Sinhalese militants, who claimed that it offered too many concessions to the Tamils and compromised the country's sovereignty by bringing Indian troops to Sri Lankan soil.

San Salvador, rebels set for peace talks

MEXICO CITY (R) — A Salvadorean government commisvadorean government commis-sion and left-wing rebel leaders gathered in Mexico City Wednesday to begin peace talks which Salvadoreans hope will end a decade of civil war.

The Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN) rebels during the day as part of a unilateral ceasefire offered by the guerrillas. The talks, expected to last two

days, are the first since Alfredo Cristiani, of the right-wing Nationalist Republican Alliance (ARENA) Party, became state president of the Central Amer-

can nation June 1. "Everyone has great expecta-tions because it is the first meeting between ARENA and the

WASHINGTON (R) — Presi-

dent George Bush's war on drugs could cost \$50 billion over the

next five years, federal drug poli-

cy director William Bennett told

Responding to Democratie

charges that Bush's plan will

prove inadequate to reduce the U.S. drug habit and stem the flow

of cocaine from Latin America.

Bennett said \$7.86 billion sought

by the president for 1990 was only

the beginning and estimated the

long-term price tag could add up

to more than six times that figure

'Are we willing to spend the

money needed? There are flaws increase taxes to pay for the war,

over five years.

the U.S. Congress Tuesday.

The five-member government commission, which arrived in Mexico City Tuesday, is headed by Justice Minister Oscar Santamaria and Presidency Minister Juan Martinez Varela.

The rebel delegation is headed by commanders Joaquin Villalobos, seen as the ideological and military leader of the FMLN, Shafik Handal.

their arrival in Mexico City and the site of the talks was not immediately made public.

the outbreak of El Salvador's civil

U.S. drugs war could cost

\$50 billion over five years

in this plan," Democratic Con-gressman Larry Smith of Florida

said when Bennett testified be-

fore the House of Representa-

tives Foreign Affairs Committee.

to think that we're talking about a

\$50-billion programme over five

years, give or take," Bennett

"That's a substantial invest-

ment," he added in giving the

first firm long-range estimate of the cost. "Remember, the entire

drug budget in 1986 was \$2 bil-

had changed his opposition to

Benett gave no hint that Bush

"I don't think it's unreasonable

The rebel and government de-legations avoided journalists on

The dialogue is the fourth since war in 1979 and the first since the rebels held an inconclusive meet-

During the decade of civil war, an estimated 70,000 Salvadoreans have been killed and one in 10 have fled their homes. The United States has pumped

ing with then-President Jose

Napoleon Duarte in October

\$4 billion in economic and milithas a population of about five million. But despite 10 years of fighting, neither the guerrillas nor the armed forces close to solving

the conflict militarily.

Diplomats say Cristiani appears sincere in his willingness to discuss peace with the rebels. They add that any prolonged ceasefire would help him consobdate his market-oriented ecoomic reforms, which the government hopes will take much of the force out of the rebel movement.

gested he must. The White House

wants to finance the fight by

selectively shifting funds from

The administration Tuesday

scorned a plan by Senator Robert Byrd to add \$2.2 billion to Bush's

\$7.86-billion request for 1990 by

making an across-the-board cut

of about one-half of one per cent

lin Fitzwater suggested the move by the West Virginia Democrat

would he vetoed by Bush. Penta-

gon spokesman Pete Williams

said "Meat-axe" budget cuts

would hurt defence programmes.

White House spokesman Mar-

in other federal programmes.

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SWAPO leader killed; police launch manhunt WINDHOEK, Namibia (AP) — Police began a widespread man-

hunt and offered a reward Wednesday for information about the assassination of Anton Lubowski, the only white to hold a leadership post in the SWAPO (Sontb-West Africa People's Organisation) independence group.

Lubowski, 37, was shot in the

hours before the scheduled homecoming of SWAPO President Sam Nujoma, who has been in exile for 30 years. SWAPO's election Director Hage Geingob said Wednesday that Nujoma would return as planned Thursday.

Geingob described Lubowski as a "brave young man, violently cut down at a time when we are talking about democratic elec-

Namibia for 74 years, has agreed to implement independence in the territory under U.N. supervision. Elections are set for early November and Namibian independence is expected early next Lubowski, a prominent human rights lawyer, announced in 1984

African rule.

head outside his home Tuesday night by an assailant who drove away in a red sedan, Inspector Kierie du Rand said. The killing came less than 48

South Africa, which has ruled

Australian city declares 'toadal' war on giant pests

By Richard Bill The Associated Press

SYDNEY - Poisonous toads that grow to the size of dinner plates are invading Brisbane, Australia's third largest city, but there are plans to make them croak.

Councillor Geg Stegman pledged Tuesday that the city of about one million people on the gold coast strip of the northeastern seaboard will be toad-free within five years. The amphibians, known as

cane toads, measure up to 30 centimetres across and weight 2.75 kilogrammes. Stegman told the AP that

with the the onset of the southern hemisphere summer, millions of the ugly toads are awaking from winter hiberna-

"Within two weeks, they'll

be everywhere," he said. Eradication tactics include ringing the city suburbs with tape-recording of the male toad's rattling mating call to attract females. Then trappers will pounce, shove the toads

into plastic bags and freeze them to death, Stegman said. Householders also are being advised to sprinkle detergents on toads found in backyards because it "does the job quickly."

Brisbane resident Anne Nakano complained that the space underneath her home, which is built on stilts, is crawling with toads.
"We stamp on them when

we open the front door in the morning to pick up the milk," she said. Stegman said cane toads, or

"bufino marinus," are becom-ing Australia's public enemy

number one. He said the city council has decided against offering a bounty for every toad killed because "knowing the Australian entreprenial spirit, they'll start breeding

"They're in plague propor-tions," he said. "I'm not advocating that people stamp them to death or spear them pitchforks, but something has to be done.

A children's pastime in Brisbane is to use cane toads as footballs. Cane toads have marched

across northern Australia and south to the state of New South Wales since they were introduced from South America in 1935 to eradicate a beatle plague that was destroying Australia's sugar cane crops.

The toads were first shipped to the city of Carins, 1,400

kilometres north of Brisbane. Since then they have also spread across the northern 'top end" of Australia into the spectacular and unspoiled Kakadu National Park in the northern territory.

They're now marching on Sydney, it's only a hop, skip and a jump from the (state) border," Stegman said.

"Having the tape-recording is a very easy way to get rid of them but the state does not have enough money to reach every household," Stegman said. "We are bringing out brochures and looking to private enterprise to produce more tapes."

The state of Queensland is currently holding a contest to find the higgest toad to be entered in the Guinness Book of World Records. The leading candidate is Mary Lou, who measures 30 centimetres across, weighs three kilogrammes and eats 11 mice a day as well a diet of eggs mixed with insects.

"She's strong and she's a very good chance for the world title, Smith. said owner, Geoff The Oueensland Museum

said cane toads pose a major threat to Australia's unique fauna and wildlife. A biologist said the toads,

when cornered and frightened, squirt a liquid that asphixiates fully grown dogs like German shepherds.
They'll kill a dog in 30 seconds," the official said.

They devour everything in their path. They eat rodents, mice, frogs and even snakes everything except hu-

to save perestroika WASHINGTON (R) — Boris Yeltsin, the maverick Soviet politician who has sharply criticised the pace of Mikhail Gorbachev's reforms, bas asked U.S. President George Bush for help in saving perestroika. The request was made Tuesday at the White House during a hastily-arranged meeting that was a matter of concern for White House aides, who feared too warm a reception for Yeltsin Boris Yeltsin could be construed as interfer-

Busb's meeting with Yeltsin was a "drop-by" — that is, he dropped by while Yeltsin was meeting National Security Adviser Brent

Scowcraft. Tempering the gloomy fore-casts from Yeltsin, however, were commented from a leading Soviet economist who said perestroika was troubled but not doomed.

"We have a crisis in the economy, and if we still besitate and if we do something for the worse, there could be trouble within a year," said Abel Aganbegyan, a member of the Soviet Academy of Sciences and a key economic adviser to Gorbachev.

"We could see difficulties and social unrest... massive strikes, for example... but Yeltsin's idea that nothing will be done is not true," said Aganbegyan, in Washington to promote his newly published book, "Inside Perestroika."

Asked what the Bush administration could do to support the Soviet Union's economic reform, Aganbegyan said progress in disarmament talks could help the Soviets reduce the crushing bur-

den of military spending.
"We are planning to decrease our military expenditures over the next five years," he said. "But this depends on the progress

in the Soviet Union." of disarmament talks." White House spokesman Mar-Yeltsin's U.S. tour resembles a lin Fitzwater said Yeltsin was regarded as "an important whistle-stop political campaign. He scheduled news conferences spokesman for his point of view." and speeches in Chicago late but added: "We don't want to do Tuesday, in Philadelphia and anything to foster internal con-Minneapolis Wednesday and Inflict that might be associated with dianapolis Thursday. He is to leave the United States next In White House Parlance, Monday.

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